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**I**T'S five years since Leeds United won a trophy — and that's five years too long for Paul Madeley.

The versatile former England star admits that he's "desperately keen" to add a medal or two to his huge collection of silverware.

He explains: "During Don Revie's time at Elland Road we became used to winning honours.

"Until he left in the summer of '74 — a few weeks after we had clinched our second League title — Leeds made a habit of success.

"After we clawed our way into the First Division in 1963-64 with a very young side we thought there was something wrong if we didn't have a trophy to show for our efforts.

"In recent years all that has changed. Leeds haven't even been in the also-rans. No longer does the name Leeds United instil fear into the opposition.

"And, believe me, that hurts. It's difficult to adjust to lesser status after you've known the glorious years we experienced."

Happily for this splendid player — and success-starved Yorkshire soccer fans — better times seem to be on their way.

They made a steady start to the season despite suffering a 7-0 thrashing by Arsenal in the League Cup.

Jimmy Adamson, appointed last winter to bring a much-needed touch of discipline and total dedication among the Elland Road staff, has instilled a new determination in his players.

### 'Signings'

"He's made us believe in ourselves again," says Madeley, "besides making a couple of very useful signings — Kevin Hird from Blackburn Rovers and Welsh international attacker Alan Curtis from Swansea.

"Although I wouldn't go so far as to bet on Leeds winning the title I'm not saying that won't happen.

"We've a solid, competent all-round team and, of course, there's the new spirit and ambition I was talking about.

"I think the key to our chances will be our home form. Last season we were terrible in front of our fans — we seemed to have a phobia about playing at Elland Road.

"If we've got that out of our system we'll do well."

Madeley, just 35, has his sights on Jack Charlton's Leeds club record of 772 first team appearances.

"I reckon I have at least another two full seasons at the top before me so given a good run in the various Cup tournaments — remember we're back in Europe and that should mean a few two-legged ties — and freedom from injury I ought to manage over 50 games a season.

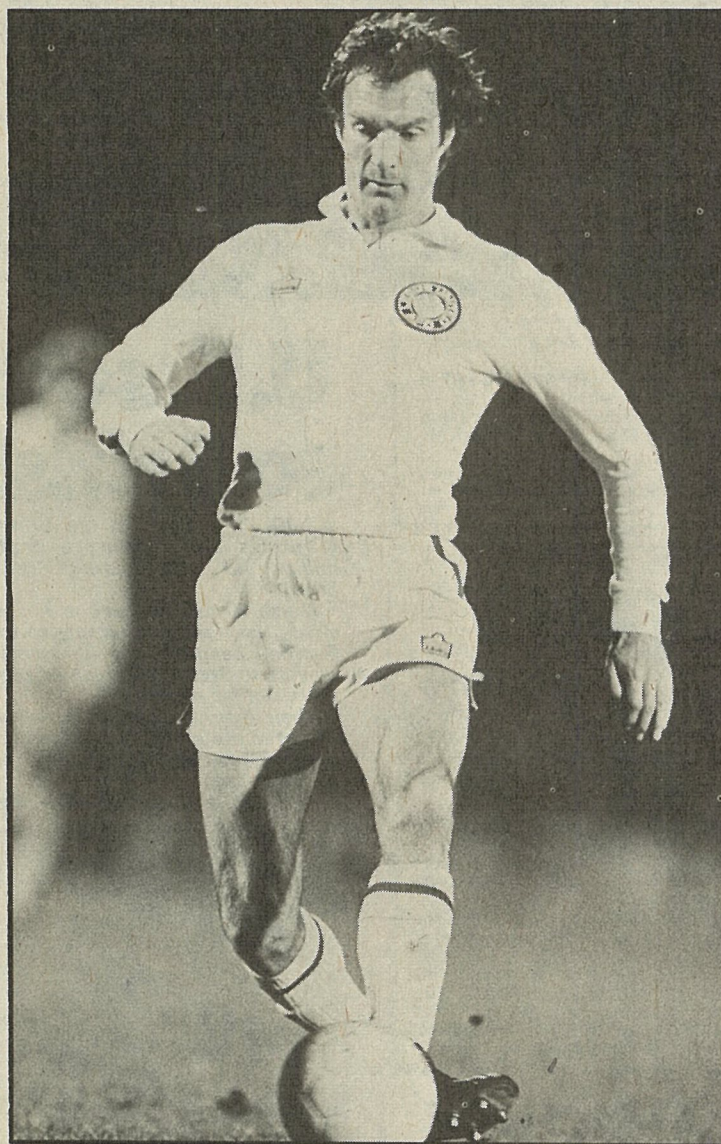
"The club's statistician tells me that I started the new campaign on 671 so I've a big incentive to carry on."

Madeley joined Leeds from local village club Farsley Celtic as a 17-year-old after a spell as an insurance clerk. His first season was a disappointment to him. "I honestly didn't think I'd make the grade and I was resigned to a return to my desk," he recalls.

"Amazingly, Don Revie saw hidden talent in me and retained me. I made my debut on New Year's

# CARRY ON PAUL MADELEY...

*who is aiming to smash Jackie Charlton's record for Leeds*



day, 1964 — two years after joining the club — and apart from a few spells in the reserves while I was learning the ropes it's been a fairytale ever since."

Madeley has managed to combine a highly-successful business career with his playing commitments.

He runs a chain of prosperous decorating and do-it-yourself shops in Yorkshire and the West Country with his brothers, Michael and John.

And when he retires from soccer he will concentrate on business. "It's been a wonderful life with wonderful people, but I can't see myself involved in the aggravation of coaching or management when

I hang up my boots," he says.

Hopefully that decision will be deferred for some time. Madeley says that playing in the centre of the back four does not tax him too much.

"It's almost as easy as playing alongside Billy Bremner and Johnny Giles in midfield, as I did for years," he laughs. "All I did was win the ball and pass it to one of those brilliant players."

Knowledgeable folk will say Madeley under-rates his role in the glory years.

"I've never been ambitious for personal honours," insists this most modern of sportsmen, "but it would be so grand if we could start winning trophies again."

## Crystal Palace manager and England coach TERRY VENABLES joins SHOOT NEXT WEEK!



**PLUS THIS ALL-STAR COLOUR:** Action from England v. Denmark, Scotland v. Peru and Wales v. Republic of Ireland; Liverpool v. West Brom match action; tribute to NASL Champions Vancouver Whitecaps; Focus on Kevin Hird (Leeds United); and Roy Greaves (Bolton), Jim Black (Stenhousemuir), Denis Smith (Stoke), Rick Campbell (Brechtin) featured in our Captains Booklet.



### BIG NAME FEATURES:

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**ALSO:** Les Lawrence (Torquay) ... we call in at Airdrie and

Dumbarton ... take a look at some of this season's youngsters likely to make the big breakthrough ... talk to Oldham's new assistant-manager Bill Taylor and coach Cyril Lea of Stoke ... Phil Walker (Charlton) ... see some of this season's early shocks ... welcome former Leeds hot-shot Peter Lorimer back to English football with York.



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# 'Make me a manager' pleads Tommy Smith

**TOMMY** Smith, the former idol of Liverpool and now coach of Swansea, wants a job as a manager.

He is happy to lead the training at the Vetch Field and play as many games as possible for the Welsh club on an injured left leg, but he makes no secret of his ambitions to move into the hot seat of a League club.

"I believe I could have a lot to offer as a manager," says Smith. "A couple of years ago I said I had no interest in soccer management, but now I have got to admit I've changed my tune."

"My playing days are very nearly over. I have ligament trouble which reacts painfully when I train."

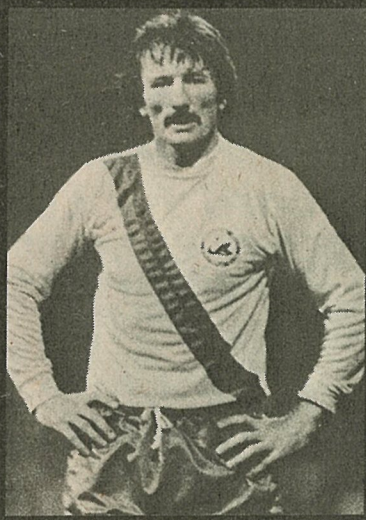
"I have convinced myself that going into management would be a good move. If an offer came up tomorrow I would have to think

about it very seriously, because I realise now there is a challenge to it... whereas once I didn't."

Smith, who has been linked with Wigan Athletic and Hereford United but turned both offers down, is a self-confessed disciple of the Liverpool style of management.

"We had no secret over at Liverpool, but we did have something special," he explains. "You learn not to shoot your mouth off, but get on with the job. When you crack the whip, you crack it with the players. You don't go shooting your mouth off to the papers."

Could it be that Smith's change of mind about management will interest Aston Villa's board? Ron Saunders says his future lies at Villa Park but statements made one day can be tragic epitaphs tomorrow in football.



## NEWS

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## DESK

**MIDFIELD** player Craig Le Cornu is one of a number of youngsters who have been showing outstanding form outside of Liverpool's senior squad.

Birkenhead-born Craig signed schoolboy forms at Anfield when he was only 14. His schoolboy honours included the captaincy of Merseyside, whom he played for in Cologne. He also played for Birkenhead and had England schools trials.

**BLACKPOOL'S** star striker Derek Spence attended his daughter Leanna's christening — on crutches.

Anxiety swept through the Spence household on the eve of the christening when they heard he had a suspected broken leg and was in hospital.

But Derek has never been one to miss a "kick-off" and duly hobbled along with relatives from Ireland to Hambleton Parish Church for 11 month old Leanna's big day.

Note to League scouts: Derek's 13 year-old brother, Alexander, was in the pews and is being tipped as the next Liam Brady. Extravagant praise for a young but remarkable left foot.

## TRANSFER TALK

**MOTHERWELL** could soon move in for Hearts left-winger Malcolm Robertson and Ayr United midfielder Brian McLaughlin. Mike Larnach, the former Clydebank and Newcastle striker, could move from Fir Park to Somerset Park in exchange for McLaughlin, the First Division's 'Player of the Year' last season.

Celtic, who need cover for goalkeeper Peter Latchford, have been linked with Dundee United veteran Hamish McAlpine, who has lost his first team place to Peter Bonetti. St. Johnstone recently had a £15,000 bid for McAlpine turned down.

Bobby Houston, Partick Thistle's former Under 23 winger, is attracting the attention of Morton manager Benny Rooney and Dundee boss Tommy Gemmell. Firhill manager Bertie Auld is interested in bringing Cosmos' keeper Dave Brice to Thistle. The American had a spell with Morton last season. Newcastle are reported to be interested in Morton's superstar Andy Ritchie.

**ASTON Villa** have pulled off a smart transfer without paying a penny.

They have snapped up Birmingham City's physiotherapist, Jim Williams, and are now looking forward to their new appointment keeping everyone at Villa Park in tip-top trim.

Williams, who has been with Birmingham City for four years, has built up a reputation for his treatment of players.

Some of the Midlands top line athletes also have been treated by Jim, including sprinter Sonia Lanman.



**DAVID** Mogg (above) 17-year-old Bristol City goalkeeper, has some big ambitions.

"I want to become one of the best keepers in the world and represent England at all levels," says the Bristol-born youngster. He hasn't done badly so far. He has played for England Schools and the FA Youth teams — and has also represented Bristol Schools at Rugby Union.

## Arsenal want Dundee striker

**ARSENAL** could launch a determined bid to prise star Scottish striker Ian Redford from Dundee.

But the Scottish Premier Division club are likely to reject the London First Division club's advances.

Redford has scored seven goals already this season, and, at 20, is considered one of the best young prospects in Scotland.

"He's better than Morton's Andy Ritchie, and certainly works harder," says an informed source in Scotland.

Arsenal are seeking cover for their goal-scoring duo of Frank Stapleton and Alan Sunderland following the retirement from the game of Malcolm MacDonald.

## U.S. soccer threat to British clubs

**SOCCER** moguls in the United States are planning a multi-million raid on the cream of British talent.

North American League soccer chiefs have reacted nimbly to the Football League's ban on loaning players to States-side clubs during the summer months.

Their answer is simple but a real threat to our clubs. "If we can't get them on loan, we'll buy them," say NASL bosses.

To achieve their objective they

are in the process of trying to raise approximately £10 million for a massive transfer fund which they hope will entice the best British players across the Atlantic.

The long term effect of such a transfer coup could be damaging to British football. The rewards offered would be so inviting that many of our players would be tempted to depart British shores for the dollar-laden pitches 3,000 miles away.

## Spend spend City

**BIG** spenders Manchester City have dug into their considerable resources again to splash out £50,000 on an underground heating system for their Maine Road ground.

It guarantees that their ground will defeat most weather conditions this winter and avoid the sort of fixture pile-up that disrupted many clubs in last winter's big freeze.

The new system has been successfully installed in Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Malmo, last season's European Cup Finalists, are installing one.

Hot water is fed from a system of cross-linked pipes. More than 17 miles of thick plastic pipes have been laid beneath the pitch. They have an operational life of 50 years.

Several other First Division clubs are showing an interest but are awaiting progress reports from Manchester City.



**ALL** smiles from Fulham's Tony Gale (left) and striker Peter Kitchen — but Rebecca Kimpton is not amused. It was all Fulham manager Bobby Campbell's fault for suggesting that young Craven Cottage fans would like to pose with the stars. Most of them do, Bobby, but Rebecca is only one-year-old and prefers sitting on her pot at home. Plastic is warmer than sterling silver!



RON Atkinson, West Bromwich Albion's manager, who has always been a great admirer of Liverpool's policies, has adopted a similar build-for-the-future scheme.

He lost no time in snapping-up 17-year-old Ian Benjamin from Sheffield United for £125,000.

Ron said: "If you study Liverpool they have always built for the future. At any one time they have always had players of quality ready to step into the first team. This is what I want to implement at Albion."



### Palmer hot-shot role

GEOFF PALMER, who has only scored four goals in his career with Wolves, is now playing under instructions to fire in more shots at goal.

He said: "I've been told to make more penetrating runs and to finish with more shots. Assistant manager Richie Barker feels the play can create more pressure on the opposition and I'm all for trying to score."

"This also applies to our other full-back Derek Parkin but we will not be forgetting our defensive responsibilities."

"We are trying to eliminate the emphasis upon just two of the players scoring goals. With this system we are hoping that we can enjoy a lot more success."

**The Scottish Programme Fair will be held at McLellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, on Sunday, September 30 from 11.0am-4.0pm.**

Unfortunately, the Binder Offer we published in our 22nd September issue contained the wrong price. SHOOT Binders are £3.15 which includes postage, packing and VAT. Overseas readers should add 25p for postage. We are sorry for the error. Details of how to obtain the Binders will appear next week.

WITH three goals in his first five senior games Tom English, Coventry City's 17-year-old striker, has certainly created an immediate impact. He is the latest in a long line of promising young players at Highfield Road but is honest enough to admit that he still needs to gain experience in the reserves.

Young Tom, a deputy for the injured Ian Wallace, comes from Essex and his boyhood hero was another goalscoring ace, Jimmy Greaves.

## Burke's a winner

**BOLTON** boss Ian Greaves believes he has a real find in left-back David Burke.

"I reckon this boy is going to be a really great player," crows Greaves. "Like all good players, he's always got time. He's never in a hurry because he knows exactly what is going on and what he is going to do with the ball."

"He's got speed, balance, a competitive streak and just the right build for a full back."

Liverpool-born Burke first joined Bolton in August, 1976, and signed professional a year later. An England Youth International, he gives a lot of credit to the great progress he has made to Charlie Wright, who was coach at Burnden Park until leaving to take over as York boss in November, 1977.

David, who gave some fine First Division displays for Bolton last term, is evidently set for the really big time — and a full England place must surely come into the reckoning.



Has Larry Lloyd of Nottm Forest ever played for England? Which Leeds United long-server, capped by England, has played for the club in every position excluding goalkeeper? Were Dumbarton ever Champions of the Scottish League?

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## Brady at Spurs

Shhh! Don't tell anyone but I spotted Liam Brady watching football ... at Tottenham.

The injured Republic of Ireland star went to White Hart Lane to watch the game between Spurs and Manchester City on September 1st while his Arsenal team-mates were playing in a 1-1 draw at Leeds.

Brady for Tottenham? Not as long as Brady and Arsenal's manager Terry Neill have enough breath in their lungs to say: "It's Arsenal — or nothing."



## New Lives for Old Stars



### BERT TRAUTMANN

**SOME** footballers are always remembered for one match — for one outstanding individual performance — and so it is with Bert Trautmann.

The ex-German paratrooper will always go down in the record books as the man who played on with a broken neck to help Manchester City win the F.A. Cup in 1956.

Trautmann, the blond prisoner-of-war, who stayed in England to become a professional footballer with Manchester City, was among the most brilliant men at his profession.

That famous City team had been bitterly disappointed to lose 3-1 to Newcastle United at Wembley the previous year. They had vowed then they would be back 12 months later.

Good as their word City returned to face Birmingham City.

Trautmann suddenly had to come off his line to dive at the feet of the onrushing Peter Murphy.

Trautmann lay motionless after making the save and after treatment refused to come off the pitch. Playing on in considerable pain he made a series of wonderful saves and earned a standing ovation at the end for his bravery which helped City win 3-1 and make up for the previous year's disappointment.

It was not until later that Trautmann knew he had been playing with a broken neck. He continued to play for City before eventually returning to his native Germany where he is now a company executive. Trautmann was in England recently visiting old friends and paid a call to Maine Road.

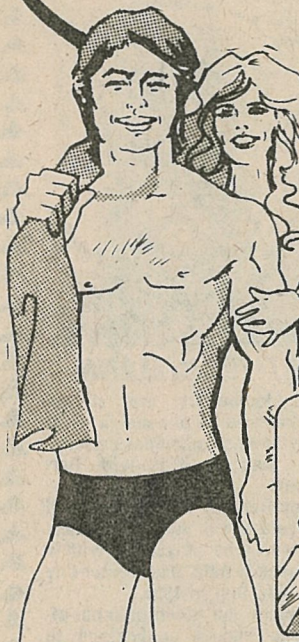
Seeing Yugoslavian defender Dragan Stepanovic, provoked this comment: "The foreign imports have acted as a shot in the arm for the British game."

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**B**EFORE the start of the season I honestly believed there was no way Manchester United could be classed as serious challengers for the League Championship. Liverpool and Nottingham Forest looked odds on bets to zoom to the top of the First Division and stay there until the end of the term.

United's start was a tough one... Southampton away, West Brom at home and then Arsenal away all in the first week.

I was apprehensive, cautious to tell people of my hopes in case things didn't go too well for the team.

But as it's turned out, United have made a fine start. If we can maintain our present form then we will figure in the title race.

Last season United lost around 5,000 spectators for every home League game. Although our average of 46,430, second only to Liverpool

was the envy of every other League club in the First Division.

Now, United are winning back those missing spectators. Already five gates of over 50,000 have taken us back to the top of the attendance League.

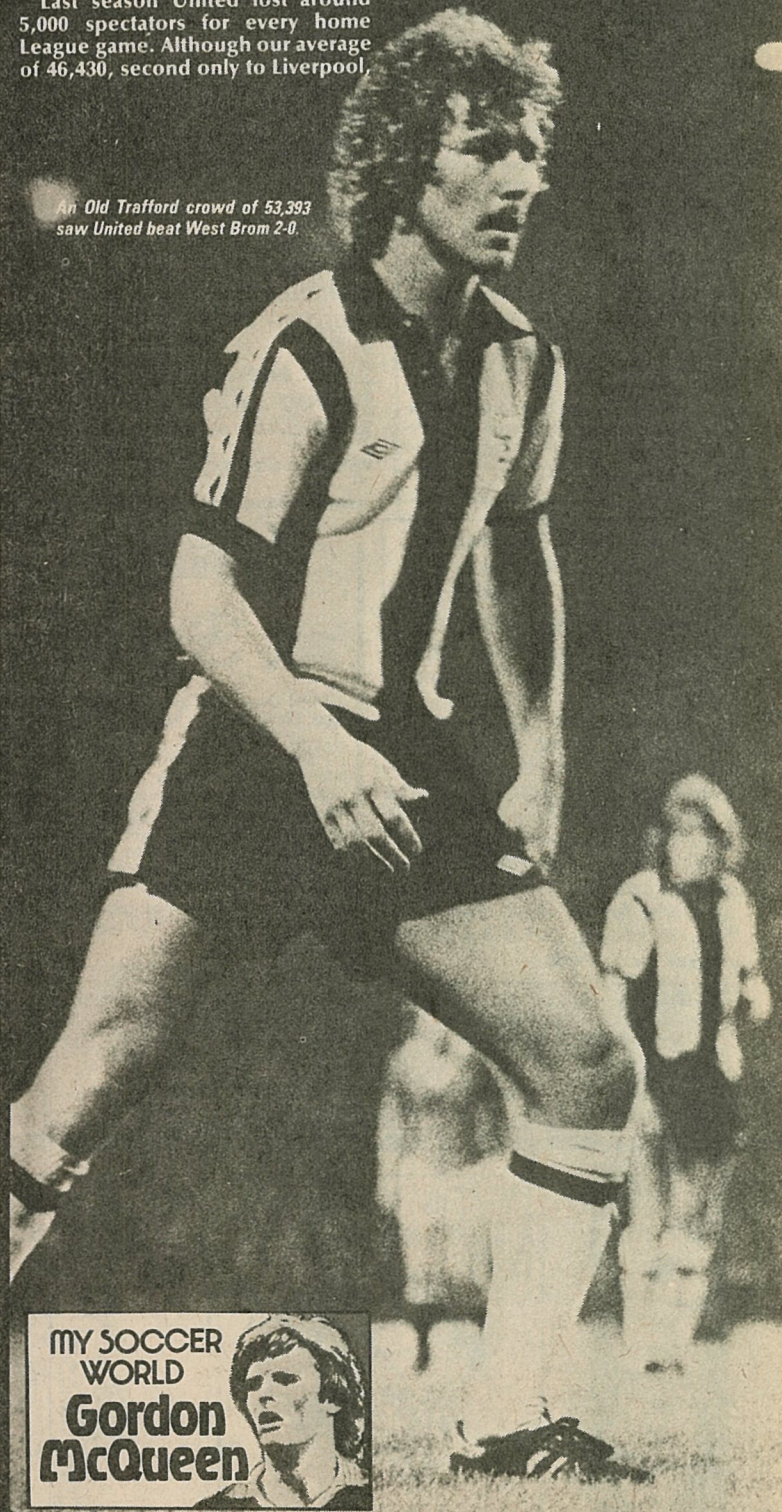
Why have United silenced the critics? Well, it's an accumulation of several things.

Our pre-season preparation was first class and we had a good tour.

Players such as 'keeper Gary Bailey have gained more experience. Because he's playing so well, the rest of the lads have more confidence in him.

Full-backs Arthur Albiston and Jimmy Nicholl also seem to have come of age, performing like seasoned veterans.

An Old Trafford crowd of 53,393 saw United beat West Brom 2-0.



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Winger-cum-midfield player Micky Thomas has settled down to the role manager Dave Sexton wants him to play.

Then there is the vision and skill of our new signing Ray Wilkins in midfield and the switch of Lou Macari to the front.

Dave Sexton took a gamble in moving Lou from midfield, but it's certainly paying off with dividends.

I'm also playing well, especially at the back. I have dropped back into a more defensive role.

Basically we are the same United, but we are now more aware of the

way Dave Sexton wants us to play.

Attack... attack... attack is still our number one aim, of course. It's just the whole side seems to have taken on a new lease of life this season. We've recaptured the old cavalier attitude, except we are a more professional unit.

Our first set-back of the season came in the first-leg Second Round League Cup-tie at Spurs when we lost 2-1.

But United won the return 3-1 to go through on aggregate, thanks mainly to fantastic encouragement from the terraces.

their 16-year-old defender Tommy Caton.

Manchester City won't win any prizes this season... they won't be relegated, either.

Big Mal boosted City's outlay by another one million plus when he bought Steve Daley from Wolves recently.

That was an absurd price to pay for a player that has yet to prove himself at full international level.

There's no denying Steve is a good player... a very good player, but worth £1,400,000? No way.

Prices paid for players are abso-

lughan must fetch half that at least.

The first time I played against Brendan he scored seven goals... that's right, SEVEN.

It was during my Leeds United days and I played against him for a Select XI against a Huddersfield/Doncaster side in a testimonial for former player Tony Leighton.

Brendan was with Doncaster at the time and gave me a nightmare. I know it was only a friendly, but I was trying hard... HONESTLY.

Our back-four that night was Nobby Stiles, Jackie Charlton, Jimmy Armfield and myself. An

# 'UNITED WINNING BACK LOST FANS'

As a journalist friend in Manchester said "... players and fans at Old Trafford now seem to be pulling in the same direction." That just about sums up the situation as it stands at the moment.

If Manchester United's start has surprised many people... then so has Liverpool's to me.

They dropped two points at Southampton, drew 0-0 at Tranmere in the League Cup and then took a long while beating them in the return at Anfield.

I'm not saying Liverpool have their backs to the wall, and I'm certainly not writing them off, but they haven't made as much impact as they normally do.

Some critics were shocked at Middlesbrough's performances especially their burst of goal-scoring power.

I wasn't, or Norwich City's victory at Everton, their first away win in the League for two years.

You nearly always get a team like Boro having a rush of blood early on, only to drop away by Christmas and the turn of the New Year.

West Brom's dismal record so far has come as a shock. Like most observers I fully expected to see Ron Atkinson's team right up with the leaders, especially with new signings Peter Barnes and Gary Owen from Manchester City in their line-up.

Knowing Ron, though, I doubt Albion will be helping to prop up the rest of the First Division for long, especially after the way they thumped Manchester City.

Many Man. City fans are still wondering whether Malcolm Allison made the right decision in releasing Barnes and Owen, among other experienced players, and replacing them with untried youngsters or overpriced players from the lower Divisions.

True City haven't been too impressive as yet, but Mick Robinson's big money buy from Preston is playing reasonably well. So is



lutely ridiculous. Present values make the £500,000 United paid for me look like loose change.

I realise players don't agree with these fees, but the pressure it puts on them is incredible.

Half a million weighed heavily on me, I dread to think what it's like to be worth almost three times that.

In Steve Daley's case, fans will believe all they have to do is wave a handkerchief to see him score.

Of the recent transfers and values, Andy Gray is probably worth the money Wolves paid Aston Villa for his services. I'd put my Scotland mate in the top three of British players at the moment, behind Kenny Dalglish and Liam Brady.

While I wish Andy well, I was surprised he went to Wolves. It seems to me he's taken a sideways step.

If Andy's worth £1,500,000 then Stoke City striker Brendan O'Cal-

laghan must fetch half that at least.

My only memories of playing against his present club Stoke, are unhappy ones.

I haven't met them in a United shirt, but they twice upset me and Leeds.

During the 1973-74 season Stoke beat Leeds 3-2 at the Victoria Ground to end our unbeaten record run. We'd previously gone 29 First Division matches without losing.

Stoke also beat Leeds 3-0 in Brian Clough's first match as manager when he succeeded Don Revie.

While I believe Alan Durban's side, containing experienced stars such as Denis Smith, and Mike Doyle, will do reasonably well this season following their promotion, I can't see them getting much change out of a rejuvenated United when we meet at Old Trafford this Saturday (September 29th).

Just enough space for me to mention Scotland's disappointing match against Peru at Hampden Park.

We went ahead after just six minutes with a goal from Asa Hartford.

We then missed a penalty after Kenny Dalglish was brought down by Chumpitaz.

John Wark's spot-kick lacked the necessary power and Peru 'keeper Acasuzo managed to push the ball for a corner.

With time running out, and Scotland looking likely to increase their lead, Leguia scored for Peru.

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# JIM FLEETING

**A**YR UNITED'S central defender Jim Fleeting might have been forgiven for letting his concentration slip during the season's opening games.

He only had to look across the border at the startling progress made by Norwich City in the English First Division. They won their first three games to rocket to the top of the League and Fleeting might have been involved.

Yet he had chosen to walk out on the Carrow Road club last season because he was "homesick". He returned to Scotland to work behind a bar in a public house in his native Ayrshire and it looked as though his talents would be lost to the game.

Norwich boss John Bond was clearly upset about the disappearance of his rising star and warned Scottish clubs no one would pick up a bargain buy in Fleeting.

Celtic were interested, but dropped out. Ayr boss Willie McLean, however, kept tabs on the situation and arranged to bring Fleeting to Somerset Park for a trial period.

Just when things looked brighter for Fleeting and it seemed he might get a second chance at a senior soccer career the weather decided to take a hand.

The terrible snow and ice that created havoc with the British game meant Fleeting didn't get any opportunity to prove to Willie McLean, brother of Dundee United boss Jim, that he was worth buying.

Again another trial period had to be set up and this time Fleeting got his own back on Dame Fortune by showing his immense potential.

McLean was convinced Fleeting had a future at Ayr United as they fought to get into the Premier Division and he signed him.

In their fourth League game Norwich lost their unbeaten record at

## -happy at home with Ayr

Highfield Road with Coventry City dumping them 2-0. On the same day Fleeting starred in his side's 2-2 League Cup draw against Hearts at Somerset Park, but, even more important, the match was televised.

Fleeting, a virtual unknown, was suddenly brought into people's living rooms via the box and, with a far better sense of timing than shown in the past, he took his opportunity with a faultless performance.

Brian McLaughlin, the highly-rated immensely-talented ex-Celtic midfielder, is the man who takes most of the headlines that come Ayr United's way, but it was Fleeting who made his bid to upstage his team-mate against the Tynecastle side.

### 'Grateful'

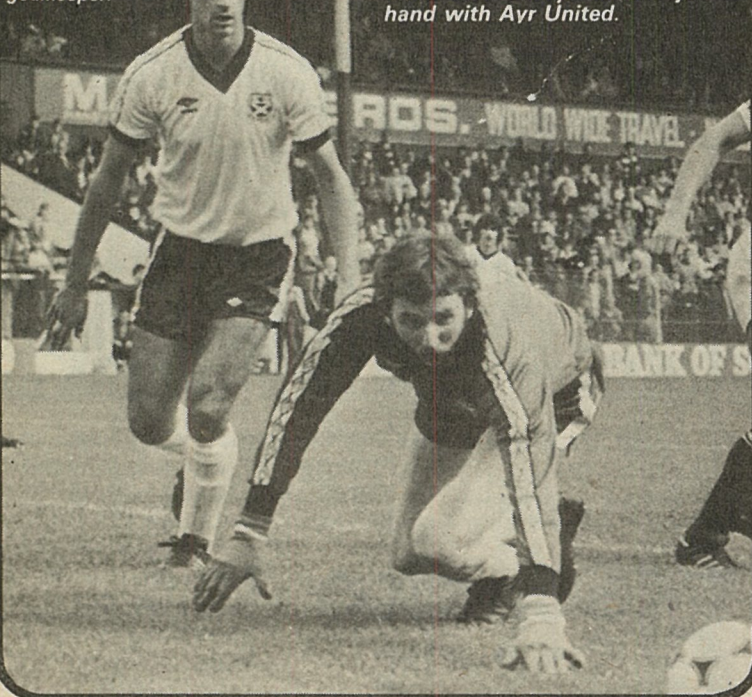
"I'm just happy to be at Somerset Park," says Fleeting. "They gave me a chance when I needed it most and I am very grateful to them and the manager, Mr. McLean."

"There is real potential here and our main aim must be promotion. Norwich? Good luck to them, but I was happy to get home."

Fleeting is a cultured back-four player, one who prefers to 'read' play as it comes to him. He is not slow to link with his midfield either in attacking assaults on the rivals' goal.

Like we said earlier, he might have been forgiven for letting his thoughts stray to the happenings at Norwich City at the start of the season, but we are certain that his mind was always on the job at hand with Ayr United.

Jim Fleeting (light shirt) covers his goalkeeper.



**R**AYMOND STEWART, West Ham's recent £400,000 purchase from Dundee United, was startled if not shocked by his first sight of English football.

Only days after completing the signing he watched The Hammers lose a rough and tumble match against Watford at Vicarage Road. West Ham went down 2-0 to goals from Luther Blissett and afterwards Stewart said: "That was a very, very physical game."

"I expected more work on the ball, more interpassing and the like, but that was never allowed to happen. Yes, it was a hard match played at a hectic pace."

In such an atmosphere the brilliance and class of Stewart, who



## West Ham's new star has 'conquered' England

signed just a week before his 20th birthday, is likely to stand out like a shining torch.

Actually, even without kicking a ball for West Ham, Stewart had already made an impact on the London soccer scene.

That came in a schoolboy international against England at Wembley four seasons ago. The game was televised 'live' and watched by a huge crowd. Stewart was then playing in a sweeper's role and skippering the young Scots.

He strolled through that game, playing with confidence and intelligence. He broke up English raids, impressed with supreme authority and guided his team to a 1-0 victory.

### 'Lucky'

"It was a great thrill to play at Wembley," says Stewart. "I consider myself very lucky to have done so. Just think of the amount of players who go through a senior career and never get near the ground."

"Yet there I was playing on that hallowed turf as a youngster. I really enjoyed myself that day. I wouldn't mind returning in the near future with West Ham!"

Wembley buzzed that afternoon as English scouts tried to get near Stewart. However, they were wasting their time. Dundee United manager Jim McLean had the boy under contract and there was no way he was going to be tempted South at that stage.

However, the parting of the ways was inevitable. Stewart, who didn't even play 50 League games for United, was obviously a youngster of immense and exciting potential.

English clubs came to look at Paul Hegarty, David Narey, Graeme Payne, Davie Dodds and Paul Sturrock, but most of them came back to watch Stewart, who can play in just about any defensive position barring goalkeeper and he has enough confidence in

his ability to possibly even give that role a try!

West Ham watched him three times at the start of the season. They made one bid of over £250,000. That was swiftly turned down. They increased the offer. Again they were told 'No deal'.

It was a case of third time lucky for the Upton Park club when their £400,000 bid was reluctantly accepted by manager McLean, who couldn't hide his feelings at the completion of the deal. He was obviously extremely sad to see a player such as Stewart leaving Tannadice.

Stewart will be a huge favourite with the English fans, of that there can be no doubt. He is a touch of class, a diamond amid the rubble. When others are rushing headlong in to action, Stewart has that inbred ability to stay calm and size up the situation.

"When I first saw him make a pass I immediately thought of Franz Beckenbauer," says SFA Director of Coaching Andy Roxburgh.

"I went to see United in a Reserve game and I could hardly take my eyes off him. He hit one pass down the wing with the outside of his boot and it was sheer class."

"He looked as though he was enjoying his football. I took a note of his name there and then. It hardly surprised me that he has made the progress that he has achieved at such an early age."

"The best of Raymond Stewart is yet to come. It's just a pity that such a player of rare quality had to leave Scotland."

West Ham are used to great leaders on the park after the exceptional Bobby Moore... Raymond Stewart could quite easily step into his as-yet-unfilled boots and give the team the leadership it needs on its fight back to the First Division.

It's a challenge Stewart, so eager to try his luck in English football, will not shirk.

Lucky West Ham.



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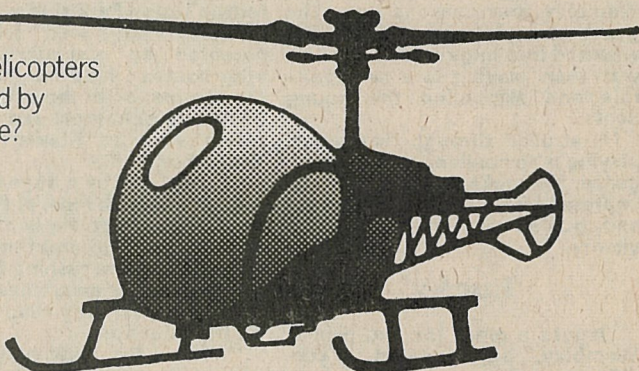


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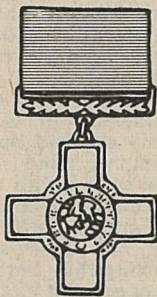
- a) Over 20,000
- b) Over 50,000
- c) Over 100,000



4. Are helicopters ever used by the Police?



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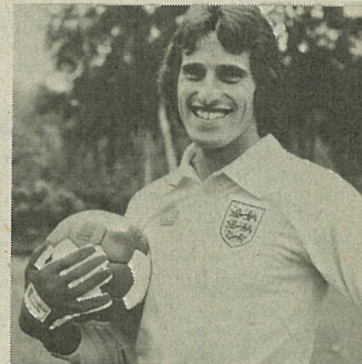
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3. c
4. Yes, they are hired from private firms
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# Are England good enough for Rome?

ENGLAND may have their ticket to the European Championship Finals in Italy next year, but just as Rome wasn't built in a day, Ron Greenwood's team are not progressing as one would have hoped. Against Denmark, England showed all the failings that have almost become their hallmark... lack of ideas in the build-up and an almost total reliance on Kevin Keegan for goals.

The result against Denmark was certainly better than the performance. This England side has been together for two seasons and Greenwood has made enormous progress in many ways. He's restored the confidence and morale in the camp and England FC play with the emphasis on attack, virtually unheard of under Don Revie.

However, the main issues are:

- 1 — Has Greenwood been bold enough with team selections? Should he have given more new faces a chance? Nobody has broken into the side since he took over as manager and introduced two or three new players.
- 2 — Do England rely too heavily on Kevin Keegan? He has now scored 16 goals for England in



Phil Neal and Dave Watson have scored more goals than Trevor Brooking (above) and Ray Wilkins for England.

his 47 internationals; England do not have anyone else, apart from possibly Steve Coppell, who Greenwood can look to for a regular goal-return.

- 3 — Are England yet ready for a return to big-time international football?

When Greenwood announces his England team these days, no one is surprised. There is a saying that you shouldn't change a winning team, but it is still a fact that England have lost their two toughest away games against West Germany and Austria and that is the sort of quality opposition they'll face in Italy next summer.

The real test of any team is how it performs away from home; that, after all, is what England will be doing in Italy against some of Europe's top countries. Under Greenwood, England have played Luxembourg (2-0), West Germany (1-2), Denmark (4-3), Bulgaria (3-0), Sweden (0-0) and Austria (3-4) away from Wembley. Three wins, one draw and two defeats, but most significantly, the losses were against two sides who will possibly be in Italy next June.

The England team is good, but not yet great. Should Greenwood give the likes of Kenny Sansom and Kevin Reeves a real chance to show their worth? If something

England ..... 1

Keegan (16)

Denmark ..... 0

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N. Ireland	6	3	1	2	6	9	7
Eire	5	1	3	1	6	5	5
Denmark	7	1	2	4	13	14	4
Bulgaria	5	1	1	3	3	9	3

should happen to Kevin Keegan (heaven forbid) England would struggle because there is nobody else who can score regularly.

Of Greenwood's England team, Keegan, Coppell, Barnes and Latchford have scored 22 goals between them, but a worrying statistic is that Phil Neal and Dave Watson have both scored more than Ray Wilkins and Trevor Brooking.

Loyalty is admirable, but England are judged by the highest standards and there are one or two players in the present team who, harsh as it seems, simply aren't international standard.

Not many teams would beat England at Wembley — but would you bet on England winning in Rome, Amsterdam, Warsaw, Madrid or Frankfurt?

Greenwood won't change his line-up until England are certain of their place in the Finals. By then it will be too late to experiment, so it is fair to assume the England team that played against Denmark will, more or less, be the one he takes to Italy.

England created few clear-cut chances... believe it or not, they had just three shots on target, two from Keegan and one from centre-back Phil Thompson. Nine shots were off target, but to only muster three on target shots in 90 minutes at home against Denmark does not inspire confidence for the future.

## Scotland pay penalty

STILL, if England have problems, Scotland can't shake off their World Cup nightmare, drawing 1-1 against an inexperienced Peruvian side at Hampden — and, again, missing a penalty. And they say lightning never strikes twice in the same place.

Jock Stein has been in charge for a year, yet the results still aren't coming. Their European Championship hopes are remote and what the Scots need are a couple of good results to get back their confidence. Any joy at winning 4-0 in Norway was wiped out by yet another home failure.

## Wales need support

WALES' 2-1 win over the Republic of Ireland was witnessed by less than 7,000 fans. Come on you Welshmen! If Wales are to succeed they're going to need much better support than that. Yet another Crystal Palace youngster, striker Ian Walsh, distinguished himself at international level and Wales manager Mike Smith must be tempted to throw him in at the deep end against West Germany in October.



England's strike-force would suffer if Kevin Keegan (right) was absent.



# 'I STILL want to leave Leicester'



says skipper  
**DENNIS ROFE**

**L**EICESTER's Dennis Rofe still wants a transfer despite his club's early success in the Second Division.

Rofe, 29, said: "I'm getting on in my career and I want to play First Division football again. Having played for several years in the top flight, going to places like Anfield and Highbury regularly, to play in the Second Division and play at some of the lesser-known and less glamorous clubs is a little bit of a comedown.

"I want to get back in the First. That's still my aim and I want to get back there as soon as possible. Only the future will tell how I get to the top. It could still be with Leicester, I suppose, it all depends."

Rofe has found under manager Jock Wallace that he is suddenly the "old man" of the side and he said: "I used to look around at the team a year or two ago and I was one of the younger players. Now I have found that I am one of the oldest. It's a bit of a shock.

"But I like playing with youngsters. They show so much enthusiasm and play without fear.

I don't mind being the oldest member. I'm only 29, anyway with plenty of football left in me."

But the stocky, fair-haired full-back has found that manager Wallace has made even more sweeping changes. "A lot of Scottish players have joined the club," he said. "It's gone from one extreme to the other.

## 'Knowledge'

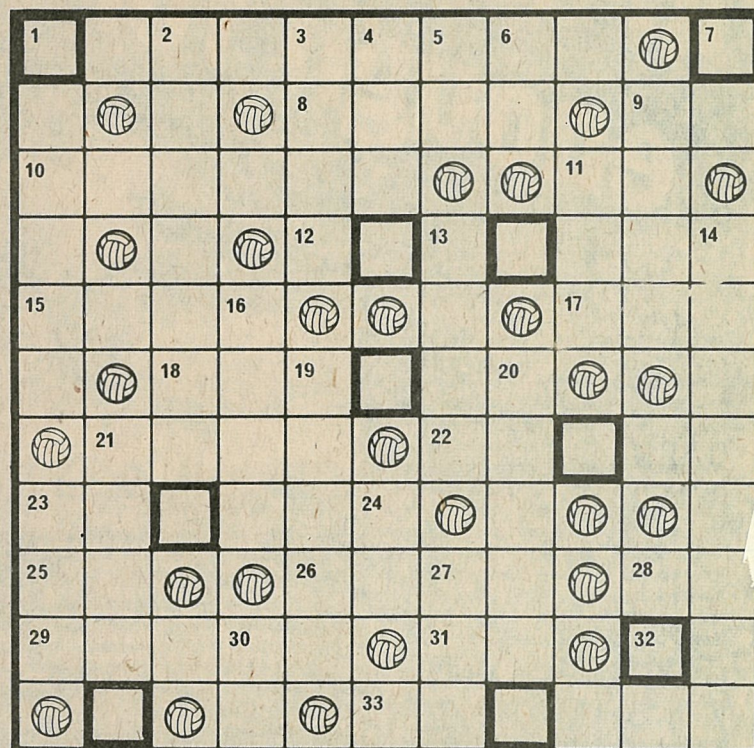
"In my early days here there were about ten Londoners in the first team squad and now we have gone to the North of the border. It's only natural, I suppose, for a manager to pick up players from the part of the country he comes from. He's got all the local knowledge, knows the scouts and players and he is bound to turn there.

"I must admit that, although we can communicate on the field, I have found it difficult understanding some of the Scots lads.

"Mind you, it's hard to follow the manager at times, on the odd occasion that he bawls and shouts," says Rofe jokingly.

# Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Manchester United and England midfield star. Answers on page 50.



## ACROSS:—

- (1) John —, Nottingham Forest striker.
- (8) Arbr----; Scottish Division One club.
- (9) Terry-enn-e, Southampton 'keeper.
- (10) Borders or grass edgings.
- (11) Crystal --lace.
- (12) Take four letters from Berwick and three from Swansea to make "meat pins".
- (15) Spurt or charge.
- (17) Edg-le- Pa-k (Stockport). The omissions reversed.
- (18) Finalised ... as an agreement or contract.
- (21) The Blue ----s. A nickname of Cardiff City.
- (22) — Rovers, Scottish First Division club from Stark's Park.
- (23) Rented or hired.
- (25) Stan M--tensen; former famous name with Blackpool.
- (26) Peterborough United are nicknamed The —.
- (28) Man-- Road, Oxford United's ground.
- (29) John —, Spurs midfield player.
- (31) Tony --nry of Manchester City.
- (32) Le-ce-ter City.
- (33) The final score!

## DOWN:—

- (1) Blackburn — play in the Third Division.
- (2) — Monchengladbach. Top West German League club.
- (3) Take four letters from the answer to 1 Down for something fishy!
- (4) Job to be done.
- (5) Ian — John; former famous player with Liverpool.
- (6) Exclamation needed to complete Alan R-ug- (Partick Thistle).
- (7) Sammy-els-n of Arsenal.
- (9) — Owen of West Brom.
- (11) Paul Coo---, Ipswich Town 'keeper.
- (13) By-on St---nson (Leeds). The missing letters in reverse.
- (14) — Park, home of Crystal Palace.
- (16) S---w-bury Town. A word of belonging from the omissions.
- (19) Thoroughly proficient.
- (20) Sprints.
- (21) George —, Wolves defender.
- (23) S--t-and (Rochdale ground). The missing letters reversed.
- (24) Ujpest --zsa; European club.
- (27) --i-field Park; Berwick's ground.
- (28) Liquid used for massage and lubricating.
- (30) Grzegorz La---. Famous Polish international.

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# 'I don't blame the fans for jeering me'

I HAVE been on the receiving end of some cat-calls this season from the Rangers supporters and I've got to say immediately that I do not blame these fans one little bit for voicing their opinion.

Obviously, I would prefer to have the fans chanting my name, but you have to take the rough with the smooth and the fans are entitled to have their say. I know I started this season slowly. It's a problem because it happened last season, too.

Why does this happen? Goodness only knows... I certainly don't have a clue. I can honestly say I have worked harder in training this season than I have ever done. I've really punished myself.

If I wasn't doing my stuff I know the gaffer, John Greig, would have no hesitation in leaving me out of the side. I may be captain, but that hardly gives me an automatic first team place and I realise this.

When things aren't going well it's easy to let your spirits drop, but I haven't allowed that to happen. I've tried to work out the answer to the problem and, thankfully, things are improving.

I scored against Partick Thistle, with a long range shot and that was my first in the League. We still lost 2-1, unfortunately, but it was good to see that shot going in.

Big 'Scruff' — the popular nick-

and, I repeat, I can't blame the fans for having their say when I was struggling. They have been good to me in the past, but I just want them to know no one realised more than I that things weren't going according to plan. Now I've broken the barrier I just hope a lot more goals will follow. If they don't it will not be for the lack of trying.

I have been criticised for lack of work-rate, but I don't accept that at all. I do know, however, that there aren't many goals scored from 50 yards out. The fans can sometimes miss the hard work that goes into running off the ball up-front.

You can sprint 30 yards into a



position and the pass, for some reason or another, will not reach you. Result? Wasted effort, but you have got to keep persisting with those runs. There could be once when the ball is threaded through and that often means the difference between victory and defeat.

Talking about work-rate I am not criticised as often as big Andy Ritchie, of Morton. He has been called lazy, but it doesn't seem to bother him. I think he is a marvellous character. He is not a robot and never will be.

I liked his speech last season when he picked up his well deserved Player of the Year trophy at a hotel in Glasgow. We were all sitting around and he stepped up to receive the award. He stood up

and said: "I know the boss (Benny Rooney) thinks I don't sweat enough, but I can assure him, I'm sweating now!"

Off the park he is a likeable fellow. On the park he is a real danger, a headache for every defence. His dead ball accuracy must be just about as good as our own Tommy McLean's expertise and that is saying something.

I continually read that English clubs are frightened of paying a huge fee for Andy because of his so-called unwillingness to work. Certainly he doesn't get involved in 100 miles per hour football, but he can still produce the goods at the end of the day.

He will always score goals, because he was born with that ability.

Just time to mention this Saturday's (September 29th) clash with Kilmarnock at Rugby Park. Since being promoted at the end of last season they have made a solid start and I am sure will pose us some problems. But I'm confident we can clinch another couple of points.

See you in two weeks...

*Derek Johnstone*

**TARTAN TALK FROM  
CELTIC'S DANNY  
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

name for Thistle 'keeper Alan Rough, of course — was practically unbeatable that day and I knew it would take something special to get past him. My shot went in like a rocket and I could feel my confidence immediately soar.

I scored again a few days later when we beat Lillestroem in Oslo in the second-leg of our European Cup-Winners' Preliminary tie. We had won only 1-0 at Ibrox and we knew we were on dangerous ground.

We played it cool throughout and Alex MacDonald scored his 100th goal for the club with a flashing shot to put us 2-0 ahead on aggregate and I got the third with a powerful shot. Again I was delighted to see that shot cross the line and bulge the net.

Most of my goals in recent seasons have come from headers and fans were asking me when I was going to get one. I'm glad to say I answered that question in the following game when I nodded one in against St. Mirren in our 3-1 Premier Division victory at Ibrox.

I got power behind my effort, but 'keeper Billy Thomson almost saved it. He dived full length to get a hand to it, but it still beat him, thank goodness!

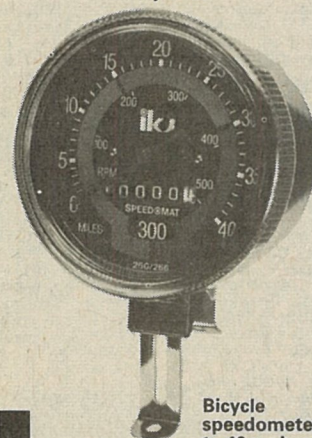
So things are looking up for me



Alex MacDonald scored his 100th goal for Rangers against Lillestroem in the Cup-Winners' Cup.

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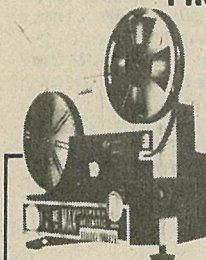
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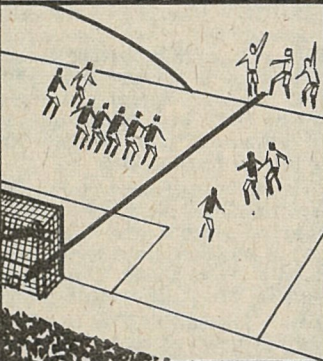
# YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

**1** A player is injured during the first-half when his team is leading 2-0. Three minutes elapse before play is restarted. Should you (a) make no time allowances, (b) add three minutes to the first-half, or (c) add three minutes to the second-half?



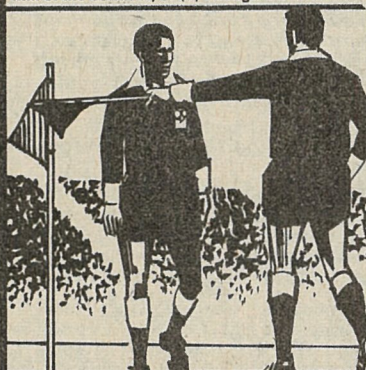
**2** From a free-kick awarded for an obstruction offence, the ball is kicked directly into goal by an attacker. Should you (a) award a goal, (b) a corner, or (c) a goal-kick?



**3** In a local match the branches of a tree are overhanging the touch-lines. A player kicks the ball which lands on a branch and lodges there. Should you (a) take no action, (b) drop the ball, or (c) award a throw-in?



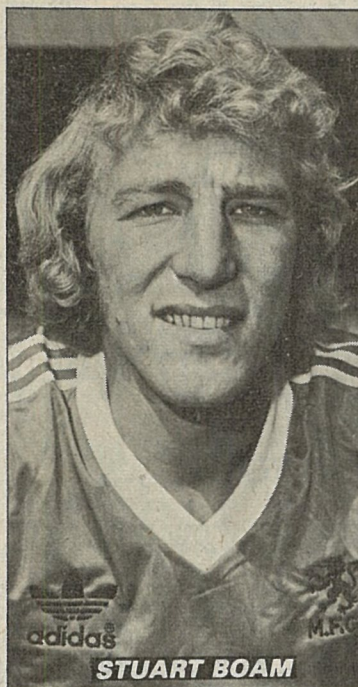
**4** A linesman signals a corner-kick but you decide a goal-kick is correct. The linesman then throws his flag down in disgust. Should you (a) take no action, (b) speak to the linesman and warn him of his conduct, or (c) change the linesman?



**5** You have just dropped the ball to restart play when a player kicks at it, misses and kicks a team mate. Should you (a) take no action, (b) re-drop the ball, or (c) award a free-kick for dangerous play?

## ANSWERS

1 Add three minutes to the first-half (b). 2 Award a goal-kick (b). 3 Drop the ball (b). This actually happened in a match I refereed in the Pontypridd League at Vinsangar Park, Pontypridd, where a large tree was about five yards outside the touchline but the branches were overhanging the field. When the ball landed on the branch a player went up the tree and pushed the ball down with his hand. One of the opposing players then suggested they should have a free-kick for handball on the branch, as the ball had not gone out of play. 4 Speak to the linesman (b) and warn him of his conduct. Probably the correct decision to make would be (c) but I believe it would be the right thing to have a chat with the linesman first and see his reaction. If he was still adamant that he was right I would then have to dispense with his services. 5 Take no action (a). In all my matches I make sure that there are only two players, one from each team, within playing distance when dropping the ball. You will find in the Football League four or five players wanting to get into the act but this should be stopped.



# The deal that shook Boro fans

**N**EWCASTLE United manager Bill McGarry did not have far to go for a player he described as "a natural leader" and a man to direct operations from defence.

McGarry signed Stuart Boam, the strongman of the Middlesbrough defence, and hero of many backs-to-the-wall fights over the years.

The North-East deal delighted McGarry but angered many Middlesbrough fans. Boam was a consistent player, a respected captain, and almost a permanent fixture at Ayresome Park.

Or so the fans thought until, with the season a week old, the peace was shattered with the headline: "Boam Could Move To Newcastle."

A week of controversy followed, with McGarry living in hope, 35 miles away, and many Middlesbrough fans expressing their disapproval at the prospect of a shock deal. The chant of "We Want Boam" rang out during the home match with Crystal Palace.

## Dropped Point

The tribute of the Kop seemed to affect the composure of the team who, after great wins over Spurs and Manchester City, dropped their first point.

Middlesbrough chairman Charles Amer, upset over the hostile reaction of the fans, issued an official statement. He explained that the club could not, under rule, meet Boam's demands for more money. Nor could they bring forward a testimonial match.

A League rule lays it down that loyalty can be rewarded in this way after ten years. Boam had been with Middlesbrough for eight years.

Mr. Amer informed the fans: "All loyalty payments due to Middlesbrough players, including Stuart Boam, have been met on the due dates. Middlesbrough's wages are equal to almost any other club and indeed our incentive bonuses are far higher than the majority."

Boam admitted there was no pressure for him to sign for New-

castle — but he did within hours of the statement being announced. The question was asked — Did he jump or was he pushed?

It was unfortunate that Boam's parting was under a cloud. He gave great service to Middlesbrough. He led them out of the Second Division. He helped to establish them in the First Division.

Boam could prove an inspired McGarry buy. His experience, his they-shall-not-pass authority, will stiffen the heart of Newcastle's shaky defence. The former Mansfield Town player, a bargain £50,000 Boro buy in 1971, heartened the Newcastle fans.

## Controversial

The 6ft. 2in. defender boldly declared: "I don't intend to stay long in the Second Division. I got out once with Middlesbrough. I can do it again here."

Middlesbrough manager John Neal stood by his controversial decision to sell Boam, then followed up with the announcement Billy Ashcroft, signed as a centre-forward, would have the chance to make the number five shirt his own property.

Neal said: "We have played some of our best football, with Ashcroft deputising at centre-half. Ashcroft has settled down as a defender. There is the world of difference facing a ball as a defender than being whacked from behind as a centre-forward."

Middlesbrough made a clear £150,000 profit on Boam, a figure that slashed the £375,000 the club were ordered by an Independent Tribunal to pay Newcastle for former England Under-23 international defender Irving Natrass.

Neal added: "I think it is good business. Ashcroft is a younger player. I was slammed when I sold David Mills to West Brom, but the deal did the club no harm. Apart from a record fee, youngsters like David Hodgson and Mark Proctor were allowed to develop."

"When this season opened both looked established players, yet Hodgson is 19 and Proctor 18."



# BRIGHTER BURY

**L**AST season Bury finished sixth from bottom of the Third Division. It was also Dave Hatton's (below) first year as player-manager of the Gigg Lane club. So how did he view the situation?

"Obviously a little disappointed that we didn't do better. We got off to a bad start and the main thing at the end of the day was to avoid relegation, which we did."

"So that was a pleasing factor about it. My own personal side of the game — the playing side — was very disappointing."

"I was hoping to play for most of the season, but unfortunately I suffered five pulled muscles, a cracked rib and I had a cartilage out. I only played 12 games during the whole of the campaign and I've finally decided to hang up my boots. I'm 36 this month, so I've had a good run."

"Last season saw the emergence of some very good prospects in midfielder Danny Wilson from Wigan and defender Dave Constantine, whom we bought from Hyde United and, after shuffling the side around buying and selling, we brought some good pro's to Gigg Lane."

"Ken Beamish joined us from Port Vale. He did a good job for us

up-front and scored 20 goals. David Gregory, whom we bought from Stoke, also looks a good player and he scored a lot of goals."

"On top of that we captured Ray Lugg, the former Crewe skipper; he's been a tremendous asset to the team."

What's on for this campaign? "Our biggest problem last time was a shortage of numbers. We were very short on the first team squad and sadly lacked injury cover. During the close season I tried to strengthen the pool of players."

"Jimmy McIlwraith, the midfielder we sold to Portsmouth last year, has returned. Pat Howard has arrived from Birmingham and John Waddington from Blackburn. Both these players can play their parts at the back, because we sold centre-half Billy Tucker to Swindon."

## 'Competition'

"We were short of midfielders last term, so we've strengthened that area by bringing in Alan Waldron and Paul Cruickshank from Blackpool and Carl Halford from Stockport. There's competition for places now."

"Our top priority this season will be to put our home form right. We only won six games last year in front of the Gigg Lane fans. That's what let us down because our away record was pretty good. We gained 19 points on opponents' grounds."

"We've got off to a good start beating Blackpool 3-0 and Chester 2-0. Hopefully we can carry that on. We only averaged a crowd of around 3,800 last season, but our best performances were away from home."

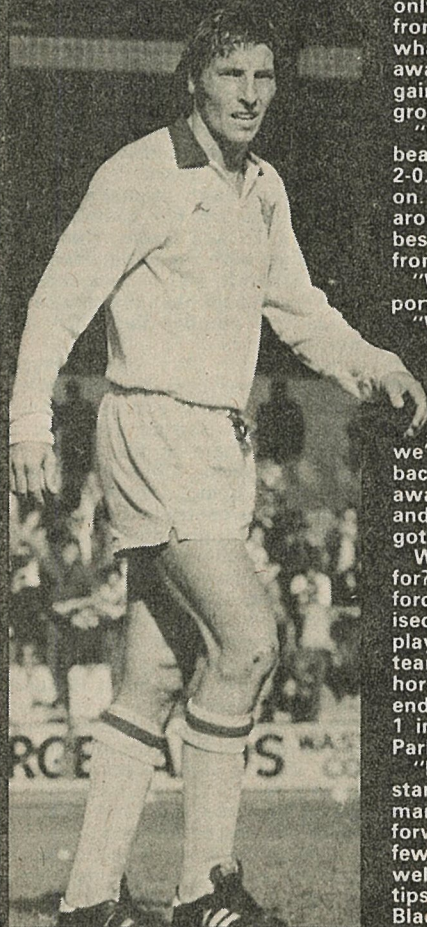
"We want to get the home supporters rolling in."

"We've looked at different ways of trying to do better at home. Over the past three seasons we've only won 23 out of 69."

Another department where we've got to tighten up is at the back. We've given a few soft goals away this season as we did last, and this is something which has got to stop."

Who are the teams to look out for? "I think Gillingham will be a force again. They're a well organised side with some very good players who play well in the team's pattern. I think the dark horses this year could be Southend; remember they beat Bolton 2-1 in the League Cup at Burnden Park."

"I picked them before the season started because they don't give many goals away and they've got forwards capable of pinching a few. I think Blackburn might do well. So, excluding ourselves, my tips for the top are Southend, Blackburn and Gillingham."



# Ted MacDougall believes 'The Cherries are ripe for success'

**F**OURTH Division defences beware — Ted MacDougall thinks this is an important season for him and Bournemouth. The much travelled veteran goalscorer may be back in a holiday resort and retirement town but he is not putting his feet up yet.

"I want Bournemouth to be successful and to be part of it. I have got my appetite for the game back and I'm enjoying my soccer," said the man who owns four sports shops in the Bournemouth area.

Lately 33-year-old Ted has been trying to improve on his all round contribution to the team as well as poach match winning goals.

"I hope I can score a few more this season but I have always been a striker who needs the chances laid on rather than beat two men and score myself," he said.

Ted's goalscoring feats speak for themselves. Despite being rejected by Liverpool before he had played a League game for them, he has scored goals in every Division and at the start of this season had bagged 243 goals in 489 League matches.

From Anfield he went to York then on to Bournemouth where he rattled up 103 goals in 145 League games and once scored nine goals in an F.A. Cup-tie against Margate.

Manchester United then took him into the big time but his spell at Old Trafford was not a happy one. He managed five goals in 18 games before being transferred to West Ham where again things did not really work out. Only 24 appearances and another five goals later John Bond took Ted to Norwich.

## 'Responded'

"I played my best football at Norwich and in the first year I had at Southampton. Bondie believed in me and I responded to that, and I won my seven caps for Scotland while at Norwich."

Next stop Southampton and promotion to the First Division. In his role as a Saint, Ted grabbed another 37 goals, then he returned to Bournemouth.

Does he ever wish he had been a one club man and not travelled the country? "Well, it would have been nice but strikers are rarely long serving players. If they are scoring goals then the manager is under pressure to sell, if they are not scoring they are out of the side or on the list!" answered Ted.

"Since I left the Fourth in 1971-



72 the clogging seems to have stopped and there is more football being played. A lot of the younger managers are very keen that their sides play good football."

"Now a few years ago a First Division club would expect to beat a Fourth Division side by four goals, but not any more. I think the standard is poor in the First at the moment."

"Top clubs are paying as much as £250,000 for players just to walk on to the park — and many of them have not achieved anything in their careers. These inflated transfer fees are outrageous."

"I would always operate a youth policy. It pays dividends."

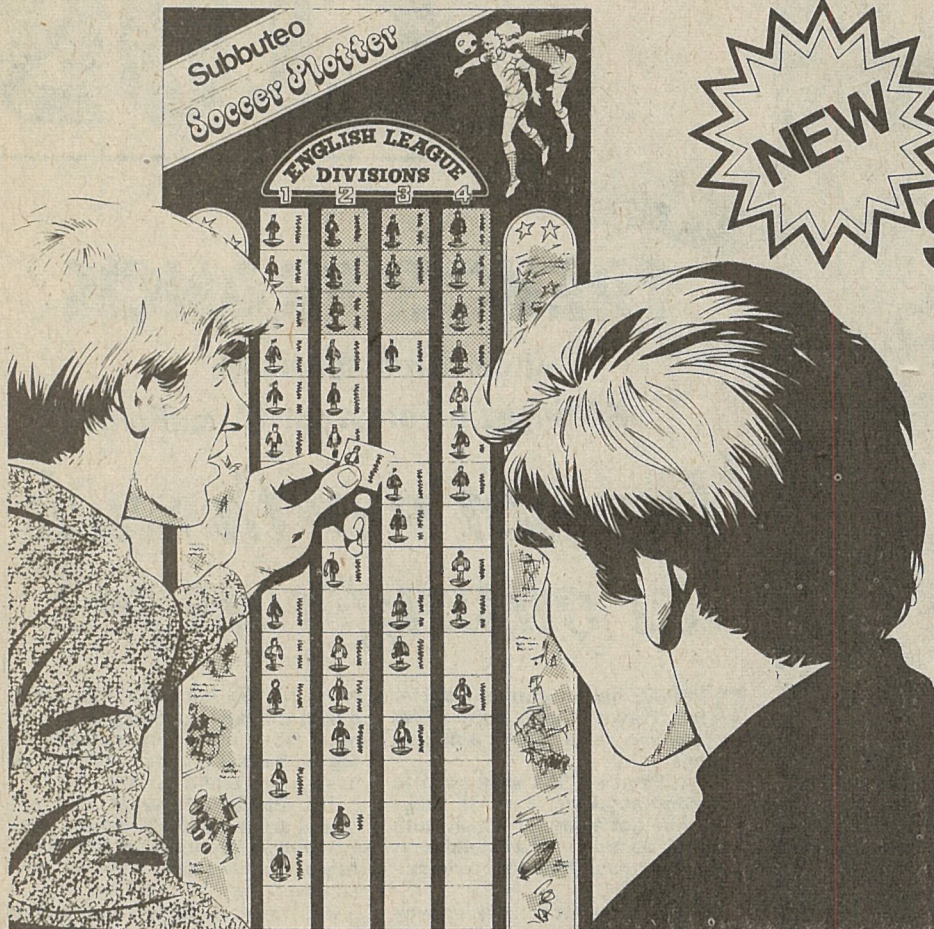
"I want to stay in the game when my career ends. I have worked under several managers, so would have to be a complete idiot not to have learned something along the way."

"I've enjoyed my career. Sometimes I have not been the easiest person to deal with, my mental attitude has often been wrong. But I am much more mature and I'm still learning."

Ted intends to keep on playing, storing and helping The Cherries find success. As he said with a smile: "Where else can you get well paid for being fit and healthy and doing only a few hours work a day."



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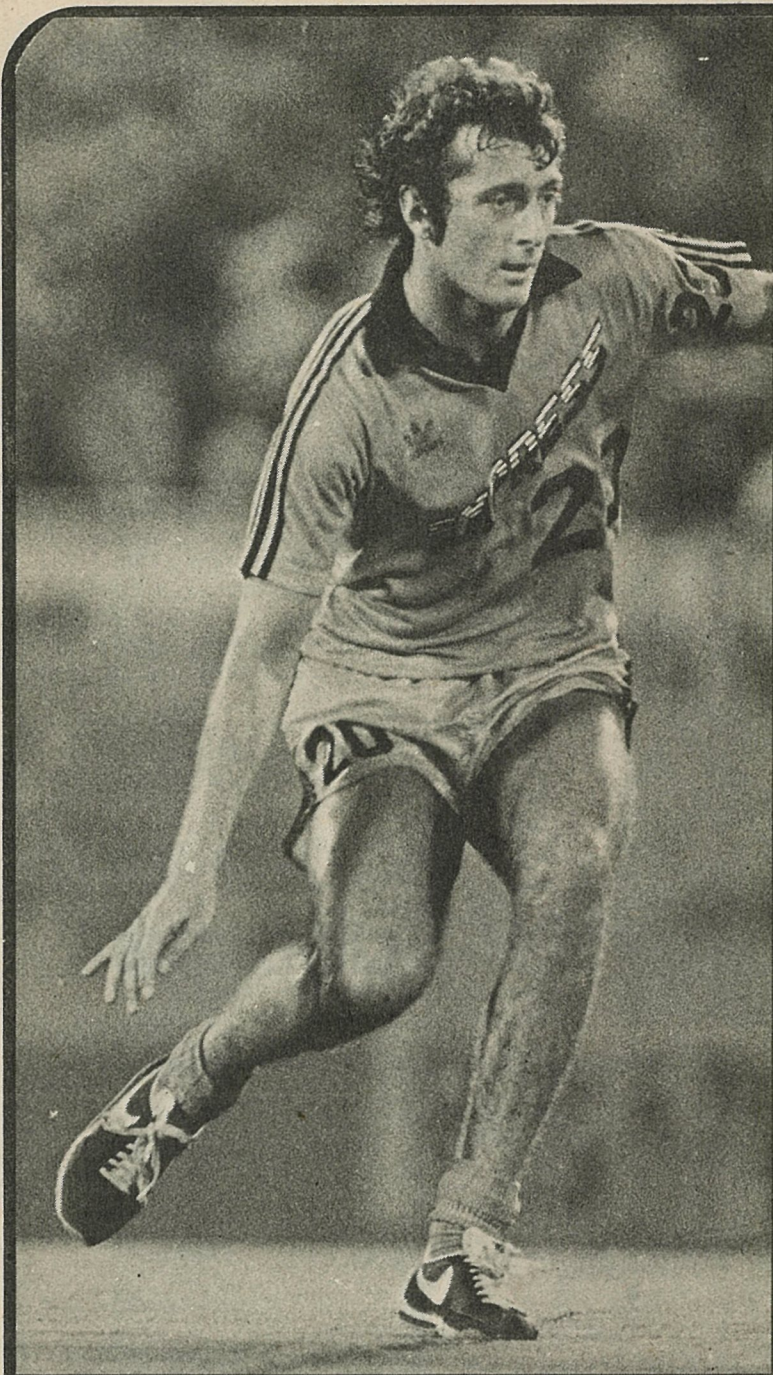
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## TREVOR FRANCIS

(from Birmingham to  
Nottingham Forest for £1 million)

*'I'm not worth such  
an outrageous fee'*

**D**ESPITE his enormous transfer fee, Trevor Francis knows that no player is really worth a million pounds.

Says Francis: "It's very hard to say what anything is worth these days. I've got a Jaguar which can't possibly be worth what I paid for it and a big house that cost a ridiculous amount."

"But if you want something, you have to pay whatever the going rate is. There's no way I'm worth a million pounds, but Forest felt they still wanted me, even at such an outrageous price."

"I'm glad they did, of course. It was tremendous to score the winning goal in the European Cup Final — the first thing I've won."

"Now I'm hoping that a lot more honours will be coming my way. I'm hungry for success."

Francis is not the sort of player

to let his big fee affect him. Obviously, the fans are going to expect more from him but he reckons his tag as the million pound player will have more effect on opponents.

The England forward also collected around £80,000 for his work for Detroit Express in the North American Soccer League this summer.

But he would be working just as hard if they were paying him a fiver a game.

He says: "It's not the money that is the incentive. I want to play well and do my best, whatever the match."

"That's probably why they like me so much in the States — because I don't believe in treating it as a holiday."

"To me, there's no such thing as an easy game in soccer — no matter how much money you cost."

(Aston Villa to Brighton for £250,000)

*'Happy by the sea'*

**T**HE £250,000 Brighton paid for Aston Villa defender John Gregory was almost chicken feed compared to some of the close season deals.

Says Gregory: "Once Trevor Francis went for a million pounds, everybody else's price shot up by £50,000 to £100,000."

"Even so, the money I cost was a lot for Brighton, and you've got to put things into perspective. Costing that kind of money obviously carries a little bit of a burden but I hope not too much of one for me."

"It took me a long while to decide whether I would come here or not but that was nothing to do with the club or the terms they offered me. It's just that my wife

was brought up in the Midlands and had never travelled more than an hour away from there before. So her happiness, and that of our two children, had to be taken into account."

"They all like it down here though — and the kids love being by the sea. They're treating it as a permanent holiday."

Gregory knows, though, that it won't be any holiday for his team in the First Division during this crucial season of 1979-80. They'll have to fight for their right to play in the top sphere.

"From what I've seen so far, I think we'll certainly hold our own. We haven't got many players with First Division experience but hav-

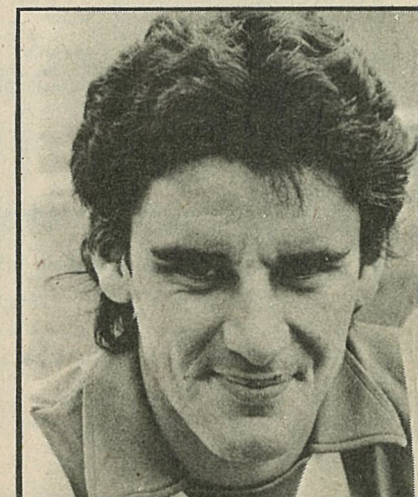
ing seen how the other half lives in the lower regions of the Second and Third Divisions, I think our lads won't want to give up life in the First too easily."

"I've probably got the most experience of the First Division. But Gerry Ryan's been there, too. And we have Chris Cattlin and Graham Moseley, who know what it's like."

Gregory hopes that he'll finally find himself a settled position at Brighton.

"At Villa, they seemed to regard me as a player who could do a job anywhere. I played full-back, central defender — even centre-forward. Now I'd like to settle at right-back."

## JOHN GREGORY





# RECORD FEE MEN

(Wolves to Man. City for £1,450,277)

*'I was afraid something would go wrong'*

Robinson had been Manchester City's most expensive summer signing, but only a matter of months before manager Malcolm Allison slashed almost twice as much on Steve Daley.

Daley signed for a staggering £1,450,277, but he says: "The fee doesn't bother me at all.

"I'm not frightened by it. There are a lot of young lads at Maine Road who are willing to learn and I think we've a team who will win things.

"City also bought me to play in my best position, central midfield. At Wolves, they kept playing me wide, which upset me.

## STEVE DALEY

"Manchester City were one of the clubs I wanted to join when I knew I was going to leave Wolves.

"The summer was a real strain on the family, not knowing where I was going. And I couldn't sleep the night before I signed for City for fear that something might go wrong at the last minute."

Daley, 26, has signed a five year contract at Maine Road, with a five year option.

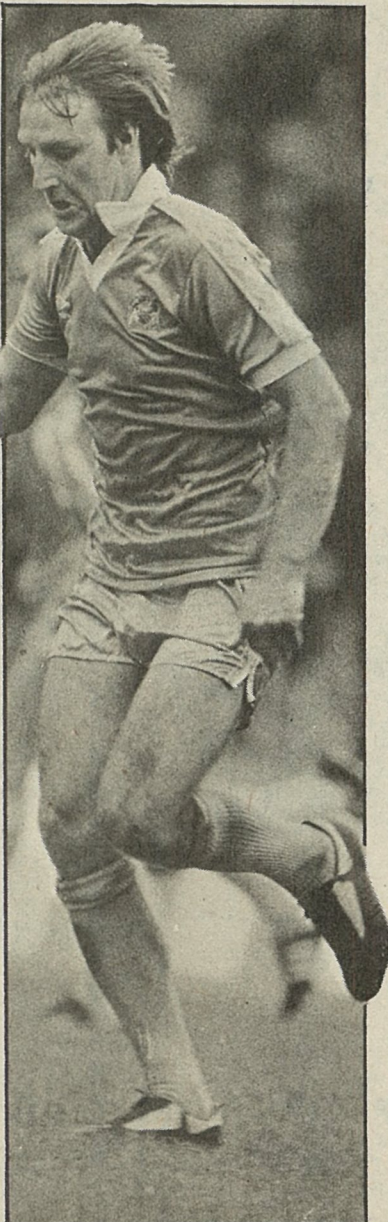
He collects £64,000 as his part of the fee and says: "That will be going in the bank. You're a long time finished playing, so the money will come in handy then.

"I'm still a hungry player. I want to win things with City. No amount of money would make me complacent as a footballer."

His manager Malcolm Allison dismissed the huge fee, saying: "All we've done is sell Gary Owen and Peter Barnes and buy Steve."

Barnsley born Daley is still getting to know his new team-mates. He says: "The only footballing pal I had at Manchester City before I came here was Joe Corrigan. We met up on the England B tour of the Far East.

"I hope we'll be going more places together in the future."



**PETER BARNES**

(Man. City to West Brom for £650,000)

*'Glad to be a winger again'*

JUST about every club in the First Division was interested when Manchester City decided to part with Peter Barnes in the summer.

And it took a club record fee for West Brom to get him to The Hawthorns — along with his City pal Gary Owen.

Says Barnes: "I'm glad they got Gary as well because we know each other's play so well.

"I know there were a lot of clubs linked with me but I'm glad it was someone like West Brom who got me. I know they're a footballing side and I'm excited about our prospects this season, despite our slow start.

"If the rest of the lads carry on from where they left off last year, we must have a great chance of picking up a trophy.

"I know they paid a lot of money for me, but I won't let that bother

me. I don't think I have anything to prove.

"I didn't really want to leave Manchester City in the first place, but seeing as they wanted to clear out the team from last season, I was just keen to get to a side that would use me properly.

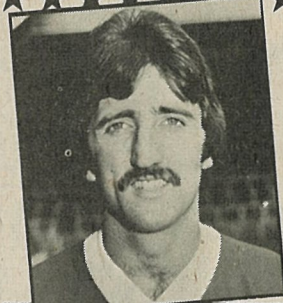
"Malcolm Allison wanted me to play down the middle at times last season, but now I'm back on the wing where I like it best.

"I'm amazed at all the changes they've made at Maine Road, but I suppose we won't know whether they've been successful until later in the season.

"Coming here has given me a new challenge. I believe, in the end, it will be for the best as far as my career is concerned.

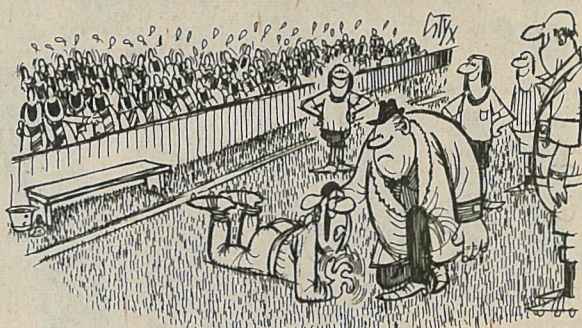
"Certainly, this season, I expect to be in a team challenging for the title, rather than struggling near the bottom of the First Division."



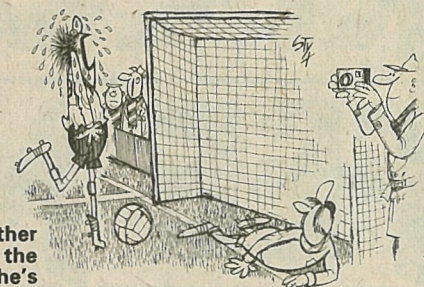


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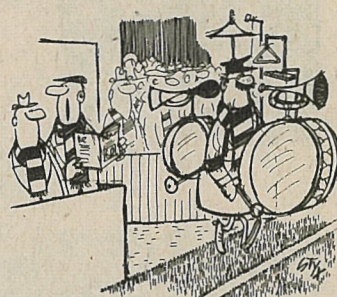
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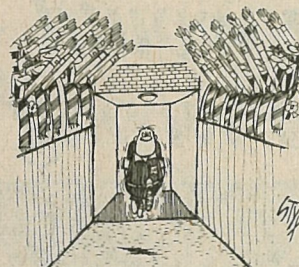
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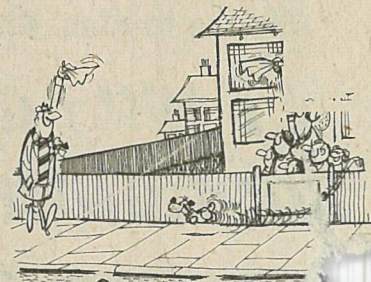
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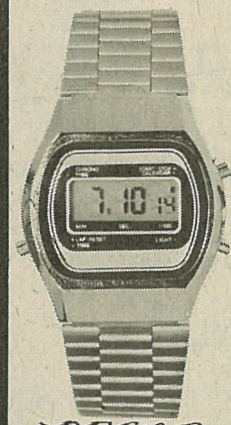
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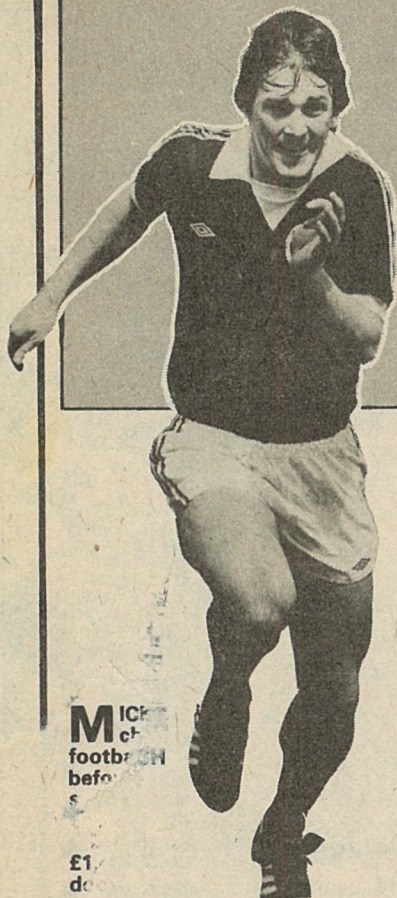
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HERE is a true story circulating in Scottish soccer circles at the moment that seems to sum up today's out-of-control transfer boom...

A manager telephoned another club about one of their players. "How much?" he enquired. He was given a price, but told the rival boss he would have to go back to his board and get their go-ahead. He said he would 'phone back as soon as possible.

The following day his directors gave him approval at the asking price. "I've got the money," he said to the other club, "when can we set up negotiations with the player?"

"Not at the moment," he was told. "We want another £20,000 for him. His price has gone up!"

The transfer market does seem to have got completely out of hand. Scottish bosses look at what is going on in the South and are, quite frankly, wondering about the sanity of some of their managerial colleagues across the border.

When the news came through that Manchester City had paid out more than £700,000 for Preston's 20-year-old striker Mick Robinson just about everyone in Scotland asked: "Who is he?"

Big-time Celtic must still be kicking themselves for letting superstar Kenny Dalglish go for only £440,000 to Liverpool three seasons ago. Dundee United, too, must wonder what possessed them to accept a £110,000 cheque for Andy Gray from Aston Villa! That's loose change compared to the £1,500,000 he's just cost Wolves... a fee that makes him Britain's most expensive player.

"Prices have gone through the roof," admits Parkhead boss Billy McNeill, who has been frustrated more than a couple of times in the

# Why Scottish clubs must stop selling their top stars

transfer market in the last year.

McNeill acknowledges that his club are unlikely to do a Nottingham Forest, Manchester City or a Wolves and splash out £1 million plus for just one player. Certainly there is glamour in having a big-money star in your line-up, but, really, clubs in Scotland have to survive first and foremost and a player bought for £1 million would be a luxury, no matter how many trophies were won.

Eamonn Bannon left Hearts for Chelsea with £220,000 coming to Tynecastle. Frank McGarvey joined Liverpool from St. Mirren for £300,000. His former Love Street team-mate Tony Fitzpatrick took his £250,000-rated midfield talents to Bristol City and Des Bremner recently moved from Hibs to Aston Villa for £250,000.

Others were sold for more moderate fees — like the £80,000 Leicester gave Hibs for Bobby Smith — but the fans were given no reassurance that the great clear-out of Scotland's best players wouldn't halt when, just hours before the official kick-off to the season, Dundee United announced they had accepted transfer requests from internationals David Narey and Graeme Payne!

## Break-up

And while Tannadice fans moaned about their side being on the verge of a transfer break-up, full-back Raymond Stewart (featured on page nine); who had NOT asked for a transfer, was sold to English Second Division club West Ham for £400,000.

It is possible that these big-money deals could back-fire on English clubs, of course, with the freedom of contract for players.

United may very well intend to keep a large chunk of that £400,000 deal in the bank and use it whenever players are discussing new contracts. It could tempt them to remain where they are and forget about lump sums from the South.

Players who keep saying they are sorry to leave Scotland, but they have to do it for financial security will have to look elsewhere for their excuses!

Naturally enough, clubs will also demand loyalty from their players. They, too, will be careful with their cash for there is little point in heading for bankruptcy while the players are being treated like millionaires!

There are some who could have gone South but preferred to stay in Scotland and have been rewarded for their loyalty. Billy McNeill and

John Greig immediately spring to mind.

Scottish fans hope other players will take a lead from the Old Firm twosome. They complain long, and loud about their team's stars moving just when they reach their peak.

The fans, then, say they are sick of the situation and vow not to go back to the terracings. There are an awful lot of one-time football enthusiasts who never go near a ground today, alas, because of the sell, sell, sell attitude of some clubs. They watch their football on the television.

Those same fans sigh when they keep hearing that the English League is by far the best in the world. You cannot blame them for wondering what the Scottish League might be like if there was a total ban on players leaving the country!

It won't happen, of course, but where will it end? Jim MacLean was obviously frustrated when he said: "The way things are going I would like to get out of football altogether, but for me this is financially impossible."

Not one has a ready-made answer and the cash register signs whirl into action in the eyes of some managers when they see the fees continue to climb in the South and realise, without little cunning, that players in the North will not be sold at bargain prices in comparison.

Arbroath, for instance, have placed centre-half Joe Carson on the transfer list. Gayfield boss Albert Henderson says: "I consider he is one of the best, if not the best, centre-back in Scotland."

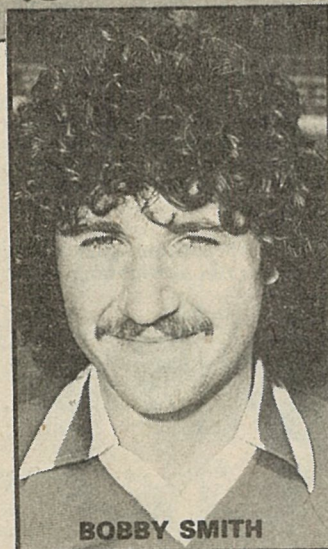
Dundee United — you can't accuse them of straying far from the transfer market action — had just bid £40,000 for the 25-year-old part-timer who combines his football duties with his outside job as a janitor at a school.

Henderson's reply to their offer was short and to the point. "It was a ridiculous offer for a player of Joe's calibre," he said.

The question must be asked: Would £40,000 still have been a 'ridiculous' bid before Brian Clough stood the soccer world on its head by paying Birmingham £1 million for Trevor Francis last season? Probably not...

Scotland, once described by Tommy Docherty as being second only to Brazil in unearthing real soccer talent, continues to parade nuggets of genuine ability to replace the diamonds that have gone before them.

Willie Miller, the Aberdeen captain, is an outstanding sweeper



**BOBBY SMITH**

while his colleague Steve Archibald is one of the finest attackers in the Top Ten.

Morton have Andy Ritchie, Neil Orr and Bobby Thompson among others, Ayr have the astute Brian McLaughlin, subject of a £100,000 bid from Dundee United — again! — earlier in the term, while fans can applaud the emerging brilliance of Ian Redford (Dundee), Paul Sturrock (Dundee United), Gordon Rae and Colin Campbell (Hibs), Brian Whittaker, Jamie Doyle and Ian Gibson (Partick Thistle) and Bobby Street and John Bourke (Kilmarnock).

## Rough

That little list doesn't even include internationals such as Alan Rough (Partick Thistle), Stuart Kennedy (Aberdeen) and Iain Munro (St. Mirren).

Nor does it include any of the Old Firm stars.

That is a line-up of names to entice Scottish fans into braving the elements and leaving their armchairs on a Saturday.

Those same supporters, however, realise that they are not the only ones who can be impressed by the special skills of these glittering stars. English scouts are there, too, and that is bad news so far as they are concerned.

They are not interested in what their clubs have in the bank. Just so long as they don't go to the wall, the fans want their favourites to have their true assets parading on the field rather than gathering interest in a bank. If the transfer market in Scotland continues to zoom with reckless abandon it could leave a lot of bank managers with satisfied grins, and gaps on the terraces!



## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

# VITAL TO BRITAIN THAT ARSENAL KEEP LIAM BRADY

**A**RSENAL are confident that they can ward off cheque books being waved temptingly in the face of the club's Republic of Ireland midfield genius Liam Brady.

Brady has another year of his contract to run at Highbury and it

appears that the threat of his departure to a dollar-laden club in the United States or to an equally lucrative outfit in Europe has been averted.

Terry Neill, Arsenal's manager, reveals that negotiations with Brady have been carried out satisfactorily and in a "gentlemanly" manner.

Brady's choice of clubs is perhaps the most significant decision any footballer will make in the next year or two.

For his decision could influence other professional footballers who are uncertain whether to remain with their League clubs or follow Keegan, Watson, Cunningham and others into foreign pastures.

No club has a greater sense of history than Arsenal, nor a more

envied organisation, so their officials will be aware more than others of the importance of Brady's decision.

His loss to British football could open the floodgates. His decision to stay could persuade other star players not to quit the British game and thus strengthen our football here against the rivalry of others.

"Nothing is certain in football," says Terry Neill, "but I think things are going well over the Brady negotiations."

"I can understand Liam wanting to make the most of his career. A footballer's career is short and they must do what they feel is necessary to secure their future."

"There is no question of Liam being disloyal. He is doing the right thing his way. We want him to stay and will do our utmost to keep him."

Neill says that the best of Brady is still to come, but he prefers to talk about Arsenal's 18 professionals as a collective unit than as individuals.

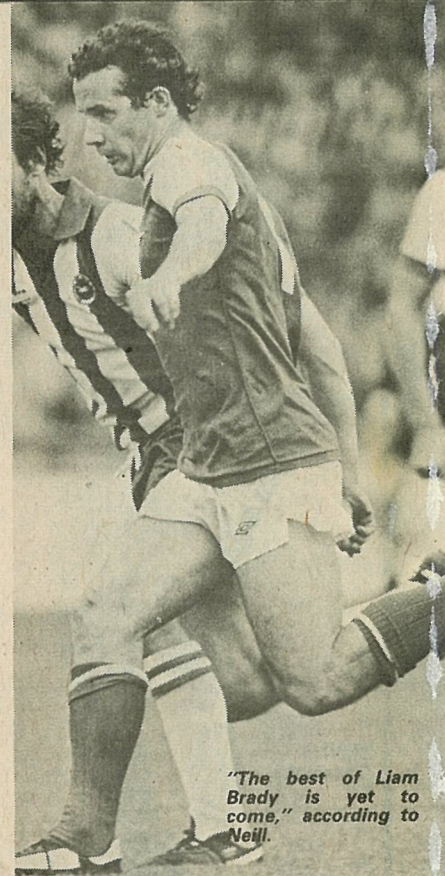
The futures of David O'Leary and Frank Stapleton were in doubt also at the start of the season, but Neill has persuaded them to sign new contracts binding them to the club for the next two years.

It seems then that with the club's stars firmly ensconced at Highbury the future of a club that has been in the First Division for 60 years is assured for at least the next decade.

It seems probable that although Arsenal have pioneered so much that is good in the game, they will be unlikely to set any records in the transfer market or make the banner headlines that other clubs achieve with their extravagant statements and denials.

Terry Neill looks no farther than the club's training ground at London Colney for the nucleus of the team that will represent Arsenal for the next ten years.

If he considers a player is worthy of a massive transfer outlay, no club in the country could outbid him. But Arsenal still prefer to nurture the talent their scouts bring to Highbury from schools



"The best of Liam Brady is yet to come," according to Neill.



Manager Terry Neill



Striker Frank Stapleton (above right) has signed a two-year contract.

and youth clubs all over the country.

Paul Barron, signed from Plymouth for £60,000 to replace Pat Jennings when his goalkeeping agility fades, is still kept in the reserves by the brilliance of the Northern Ireland star, but Neill reckons he is good enough to walk into most other First Division teams in the country.

"Paul is typical of the spirit in the club," beams Neill. "We treat him very well. He loves being at Arsenal, but most important of all, he is prepared to await his chance. He is a true professional."

"I cannot say when he will come into the first team on a regular basis. Pat Jennings is playing very well at the moment and his powers show no sign of decline."

Arsenal are one of the richest clubs in the country but even they would be hard pressed to compete for a player on sale at £1 million.

"We would have to do our sums," says Neill. "We'd probably have to sell one or two to buy a player at that price. That's what management is all about in Britain today. No club, and I mean no club, has an open cheque book despite what fans might feel."

Asked whether he would have competed for Trevor Francis, Laurie Cunningham, Andy Gray and Steve Daley, a quartet of £1 million pound players, Neill says: "Put it this way, I didn't go in for them when they came on the market."

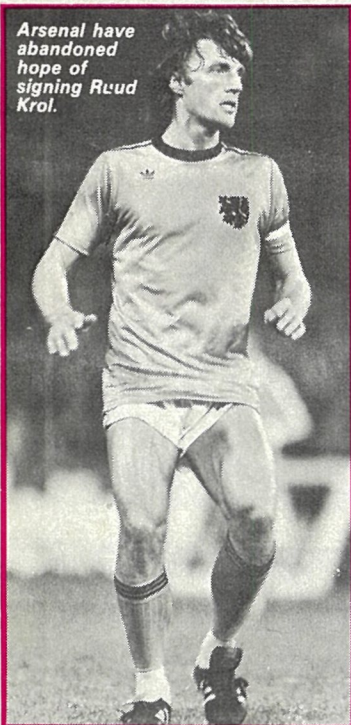
"But then I should add that it depends whether they play in the position you wish to fill. Why should I go for Gray when I've got first rate strikers in Stapleton and Sunderland?"

He said that his efforts to sign Dutch defender Ruud Krol from Ajax had been abandoned.

"I made an offer a year ago. They



Arsenal have abandoned hope of signing Ruud Krol.



rejected it and that is that," he said.

Arsenal were aware of the need for change to keep pace with influences from Europe, said Neill.

"But we will hasten slowly."

Behind the scenes activities at Arsenal rival the support the Queen is given behind the giant gates of Buckingham Palace. The Highbury back-up squad of white



Alan Sunderland blasts in Arsenal's first goal during their 7-0 thrashing of Leeds in the League Cup.

collar workers is one of the most sophisticated of any club in the world.

It needs to be, for Arsenal's fan mail rivals that of the Pope in numbers of countries and distances. Letters fairly flood in from Eastern Bloc countries and from as far away as China.

Alan Bevan, an Arsenal official for more than 30 years, says that most letters request pennants.

"They can't pay in sterling, so they send us stamps. I would say we have one of the greatest foreign stamp collections in the world.

"Malcolm Macdonald used to be our most popular player with these people. They would seek his autograph in their hundreds before he unfortunately retired.

"Now the big star is Liam Brady. They all know about him. They read about him in magazines. Pat Jennings is also popular with our foreign supporters."

Parties of soccer fans travel from Scandinavian countries to watch Arsenal's home matches. They book special weekend excursions, mixing sight-seeing, shopping and football.

Newspapers have aired stories about Arsenal's hopes of moving "home" to Alexandra Palace but realistically they have no plans to leave Highbury.

"What we would like to do is to provide cover for spectators. Some are still in the open. Our problem is that we can't develop the perimeter like Northampton and other clubs. We're surrounded by

houses.

"The problems Chelsea have had with their new stadium have taught us to be cautious.

"I think their problems have served as a warning to most clubs."

Arsenal made a satisfactory start to the new season. They reached the Third Round of the League Cup and claimed four points from their first four League matches, despite a 3-2 defeat by Derby after leading the Midland club 2-0 at the Baseball ground.

"That didn't please me," says Neill. "But the players knew themselves that they hadn't been very professional. They are good in training and are true pros. Easy to work with. What more can you ask?"



Pat Jennings

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**BACK ROW** (left to right): Terry Neill (manager), Don Howe (coach), Liam Brady, Steve Gattling, John Devine, Steve Walford, Pat Jennings, Paul Barron, David O'Leary, Sammy Nelson, Malcolm MacDonald (now retired), Fred Street (physio), Wilf Dixon (assistant manager).

**FRONT** Alan Sunderland, Brian Talbot, Graham Rix, Richie Powling, Frank Stapleton, Pat Rice, Willie Young, David Price, John Hollins.



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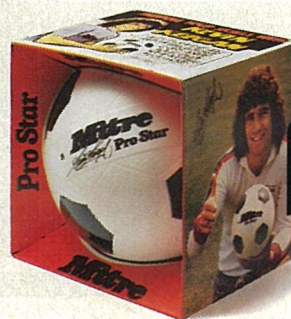
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This week's Star Letter comes from Philip Gribby of Baldock in Hertfordshire, who wins our Special Prize of £5. He writes:

## LOYAL BLUES

★ AS a regular reader of SHOOT, it seems to me that every manager interviewed talks of the pressures and the insecurity of the position and how he doesn't know whether he will maintain the post by the next time he's interviewed.

Well, we all know every club demands success and are only too willing to dismiss their manager if he fails to achieve this. With this in mind, it's about time Birmingham City's name was brought into the limelight, though I add I'm not one of their supporters.

Blues deserve a pat on the back for remaining loyal to Jim Smith despite relegation — after all, we can all remember clubs in a similar position sacking their boss, can't we? Also, the clubs who fire their manager because they don't do well enough by their standards.

I hope Birmingham are successful in their bid to gain promotion, proving loyalty can pay off.

● Jim Smith (right) took over a club with one foot in Division Two, and wasn't really to blame. I have my doubts whether they'll get back to Division One at the first attempt though.



## Problem Solved

RE the letter from Graeme Stewart who thinks Scotland have a goalkeeper problem ... I disagree. There is no problem at all as a superb 'keeper is available if only Jock Stein would have the sense to choose him. I refer, of course, to David Harvey of Leeds, the club's Player of the Year.

Come on, Jock Stein, pick David for Scotland!

MRS. J. TAYLOR,  
BLACKBURN.

● I couldn't agree more, but I wonder how much pressure Stein is under to pick one or two Scotland based players? An all-Anglo side may not be too popular, even if it were the strongest.

## Honest Andy

I HAVE followed Andy Gray's transfer saga closely in SHOOT and he has been completely honest with readers, telling them the real situation as opposed to the exaggerations in the national Press. He chose to be open rather

than evade the subject; in return for this, parts of his columns were taken out of context by newspapers in order to sell their product.

It is a great shame that a player's honesty is "rewarded" in this way as in the future footballers may not be so truthful for fear of being misquoted.

RUSSELL CROUCHER,  
IPSWICH.

● You can read the "final episode" to Andy's transfer in this week's issue and once again, despite the possibility of being taken out of context, he's been very honest.

## Skilful Defenders

THE table in World Wide showing the Goal Aces of Europe (15th September), with Luxembourg top and Italy bottom mystifies me. I don't doubt it's correctness, but I was left wondering if the reader was supposed to read anything into the fact that England were 16th.

I'm not advocating 0-0 draws, but a lot of people don't appreciate the high level of skill shown by defenders.

ALBERT SCANLON,  
NOTTINGHAM.

● The table merely showed how many goals-per-game were scored in each country's First Division. It is up to everyone to draw his or her own conclusions; but if you want to study the world's best defenders go to Italy. You won't see many goals, though ...

## No Snub

I AM an ardent Manchester Utd. fan but I was disgusted at the way the players, including Ray Wilkins and Gordon McQueen, walked past autograph hunters after the game at Arsenal. The police were no help; they just shoved everyone out of the way.

LEE WILLETT,  
WIMBLEDON PARK.

● I was at that match and because of the bad reputation of United fans, the police insisted that the team left as soon after the game as possible. Dave Sexton couldn't even attend the after-match Press conference. The players weren't being unhelpful — they were merely victims of security arrangements necessary because of the hooligan minority who follow United.

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# 'I WANT ROY McFARLAND'S JOB'

says Derby's  
AIDAN  
McCAFFERY

AIDAN McCaffery is looking for a change of luck this term in what will be his first full season for Derby. And after the events of last season, he says his luck can't get much worse.

McCaffery missed virtually all 1978-79's League programme after an injury suffered in the most curious circumstances.

The player damaged ligaments in a leg during a reserve game against neighbours Nottingham Forest, and one of the Derby directors offered him the short ride home in his car.

On the way, they crashed — and McCaffery ended up with a broken leg.

He says: "After that, I thought things couldn't get much worse. But they did. By the time I was ready to play again, the club had signed Steve Wicks and I didn't get another first team game.

"I was out three months with the broken leg, which is the only real lay off I have had."

## Fought back

McCaffery, 22, was bought from Newcastle as a centre-half at the start of last season. Now he's fought his way back into the side under new boss Colin Addison as a midfield player.

"I'm happy to bide my time there for a while until I can get the chance to prove myself at the back again.

"I still regard myself as a centre-half. It's harder in midfield. You're more involved in the game but it's strange when you find yourself with your back to opponents.

"In defence you can see everything in front of you, and it obviously makes it easier to play."

McCaffery was brought up as a Newcastle fanatic and signed on schoolboy forms for the St. James' Park club when he was 13.

He signed pro at 17 and immediately went into the first team. "It was a great first season. We finished about fourth or fifth in the League and everything seemed great.

"But the following campaign we

were relegated and when Bill McGarry arrived during that season, I knew I'd have to leave. We just didn't get on.

"The disagreement with McGarry was the only reason I left. I still love the North-East and I think the Newcastle supporters deserve a lot more than they've had recently."

The new season has already started well for McCaffery, despite Derby's shaky opening spell.

They bounced back with a 3-2 win over Arsenal after trailing 0-2 at half-time — and McCaffery got one of the goals, his first in the League for Derby.

"That result proved what we're capable of. Although we couldn't even manage to score a goal in the first four games, we were creating the chances.

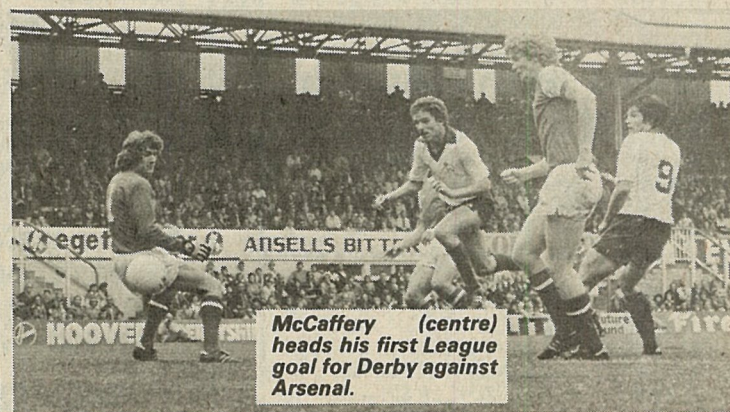
"And we did not give much away. We didn't struggle against any of the teams we played. None of them looked far superior to us.

"I feel now, that if we can start putting a few more of the chances away, we will move up the table pretty quickly."

McCaffery's immediate ambition is simply to have another season of first team football. But eventually, he'd like to get the centre-half shirt back.

One of the men blocking that ambition is former England centre-half Roy McFarland — McCaffery's idol.

"I've admired Roy ever since I was a kid and I still think he is one of the best centre-halves in the country. But he can't go on forever."



McCaffery (centre) heads his first League goal for Derby against Arsenal.



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# Local rivalry rages in the 'Sheffield and District League'

THIS season's Third Division League competition includes six teams waging their own 'beat-your-neighbour' rivalry.

While the usual important promotion hopes and relegation fears are still key matters for the half dozen clubs concerned, the inner contest — locally nicknamed the 'Sheffield & District League' — is having a considerable effect on over half-a-million football fans in the area.

Their teams — Barnsley, Chesterfield, Mansfield, Rotherham, Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday — know the mood on the terraces. Their supporters, more so than in other seasons, are demanding maximum effort.

Pride is at stake and there will not be any let-up in the pressures throughout the season. It is going to be a continual round of ring-a-ring-o'-derbies with each club playing ten local games.

Ten derbies out of 46 matches is a high proportion and the stimulus will affect all clubs in the Division.

Harry Haslam, Sheffield United's manager, discovered what South Yorkshire football fanaticism is all about as soon as he took over the job last season.

"A tremendous cheer went up just as the ball flew over our own crossbar," he told us, "and then I saw the scoreboard had announced that Wednesday had gone a goal down in their game!"

## Boos and Jeers

This season, in their first League match, against Swindon, Haslam's team walked off in the interval to an ear-splitting sound of boos and jeers after a dismal, disjointed display. They quickly learned the lesson in ten minutes and went out to beat Swindon 2-1 with a much more resolute performance.

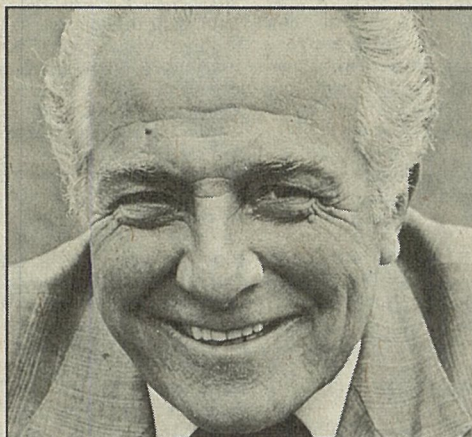
Haslam is all for the partisanship. "Having Wednesday the other side of the City is the best driving force we can get."

While promotion fancied Swindon were reeling at United, at nearby Barnsley hordes of Wednesday fans were bulging the ground as they will do as they visit the other clubs in turn.

Newly promoted from the Fourth Division, Barnsley lost their opening game to Wednesday 3-0 in front of a crowd of 22,360. They can expect another fine gate on New Year's Day when Rotherham are the visitors.

It is anyone's guess how many will be at Hillsborough on Boxing Day when Wednesday are hosts to their arch rivals United, who have been relegated to the Third Division for the first time in their history.

The traffic could also come to a standstill when United open their doors to repay the "hospitality" — the date, Easter Saturday!



Sheffield United boss Harry Haslam

Chesterfield versus Barnsley, an evening match on the 21st August, drew 7,770 and, as the local rivalries heat up in the 30 derbies involved, all the clubs could record higher attendances, especially with United adding their travelling thousands.

Last season's form is of no consequence. Sheffield United have to learn about the Third Division just like Barnsley.

Wednesday finished mid-table last term and will have to overcome their inability to score goals. The other teams finished below Wednesday and recognised that they needed new faces at the club.

Mansfield appointed a new face in the manager's chair — Mick Jones, who led non-League Kettering to Wembley last season and finished runners-up in the Southern League with over a 100 goals.

Jones inherited a good squad which includes Russell Allen, son of Ronnie Allen, the former England and West Bromwich Albion forward and also Steve Taylor, signed in July from Luton for £65,000. Since then he has got John Lathan from Portsmouth.

Chesterfield dropped out of the Second Division in 1951 and, to strengthen their chances of getting back, manager Arthur Cox has paid out £115,000 to acquire 6'3" defender Bill Green (formerly with Carlisle, West Ham and Peterborough), Alan Birch (ex-Walsall), John Ridley (ex-Leicester) and Alan Crawford (ex-Rotherham).

Rotherham could be the side to tilt the scales when least expected. Manager Jim McGuigan has made some astute signings in Billy McEwan (ex-Peterborough), Rodney Fern (ex-Chesterfield), Ken Tiler (ex-Brighton) plus Mick

Gooding from Bishop Auckland. Their total cost — £160,000.

Barnsley persuaded Norman Hunter to join manager Allan Clarke, his former Leeds teammate, as player-coach. Goalkeeper Gary Pierce moved from Wolves for £35,000, Bobbie Flavell a £40,000 defender came from Chesterfield and £55,000 brought Scottish international midfielder Ronnie Glavin from Celtic.

As was to be expected Wednesday and United were active in the transfer market. Wednesday manager, Jack Charlton, got Ian Mellor (ex-Chester), Andy McCulloch (ex-Brentford) and Jeff King (ex-Walsall) to bring extra determination to the side. Total cost £160,000.

Harry Haslam went to the Continent to fetch Lennie de Goey from Sparta Rotterdam for a fee of £100,000. And with no fee involved lured Pedro Verde (a full Argentine international) from the Spanish club Alicante. Barry Butlin, £20,000 from Peterborough, and Tony Moore, free from Burton Albion were his other recruits.

To put money into their tills Sheffield Wednesday sold their highly rated goalkeeper Chris Turner to Sunderland for £90,000 and Sheffield United accepted £140,000 from Leeds for Gary Hamson and £125,000 for Ian Benjamin from West Bromwich Albion.

So, the squads have been reformed and the uncertainties of the game will play a large part in deciding who will emerge as the winner. The clamour of the supporters will make it an exciting season.

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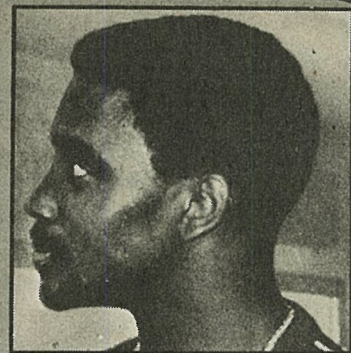
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Andy McCulloch (stripes) scores his first goal for Wednesday against Barnsley.



# CUNNINGHAM UNDER FIRE IN MADRID



**A**S Laurie Cunningham's first League campaign with Real Madrid gets under way, the ex-West Brom winger is already the centre of fierce controversy in Spain, and both Press and fans are rapidly dividing into pro-Cunningham and anti-Cunningham factions.

The reason behind the sharp division of opinion is that Laurie has been alternating flashes of stupendous skill with long spells of anonymous play when he barely touches the ball. Laurie himself explains that this is perhaps inevitable when you're adapting to a new set of team-mates and a completely different style of play. But the Spanish Press and fans, who expect miracles from their million-pound signing, aren't renowned for their patience.

Laurie's stop-start form has produced wide-ranging comments in the Spanish papers, with journalists openly disagreeing amongst themselves about his value as a player. The top Madrid magazine ran an article one week claiming that Cunningham was the best investment ever made by a Spanish club. Seven days later, their front cover had just two words on it — CUNNINGHAM APARTHEID? — and they devoted practically

four pages to explanations of how Laurie wasn't fitting in at all.

They claimed that at best, the new left-winger produced the goods for only 45 minutes per game; that he seemed afraid to go in where it hurts; and — worst of all — that he's treated as a complete outsider by the squad.

Unknown to Laurie, his healthy annual wage of £100,000 plus bonuses had created a good deal of bitterness among other members of the Real squad, who felt it unjust that a foreigner with just three international caps should be earning twice as much as Spanish internationals who've represented their country at World Cup level.

## Language

And certainly Cunningham's contact with his fellow squad-members has been limited to a few words in English with full-back Isidro and some sign language with right-winger Juanito.

In the meantime, Laurie is not unduly disturbed. He can't understand most of the Press comments, and he simply remarks "this can't be helped because until I speak more Spanish I simply can't communicate very much with the rest of the lads. I'm a fairly quiet

sort of person anyway . . ."

Unfortunately for Laurie, when you're a million-pound superstar that quietness can easily be mistaken for aloofness. His Yugoslav manager, Vujadin Boskov (who doesn't speak English either) agrees: "There's no doubt in my mind that Laurie is an excellent footballer. What he's got to do is to make closer contact with the rest of the squad and become part of the family."

"He's got to get used to the way we do things at Real. He's got to make important adjustments to his own life-style now that he's in a different country; and he's got to get used to the Spanish way of life, which is very different from that in England. A lot of this hinges on him learning Spanish quickly so that at least he can say a few words to people. And, of course, once he's settled we can expect him to produce all he knows on the field of play."

While Boskov is convinced that Laurie will be one of Spain's top attractions once he's integrated into the team, other managers are sharply divided about his future.

Spain's national team manager Ladislao Kubala enthusiastically declares that "Cunningham has superb ball control and a lot of

personality. I hope I'm not wrong in predicting that he'll be the idol of the Real fans, and he could develop into one of those players that people talk about for a long time, especially after scoring twice on his League debut against Valencia."

While the controversy rages, Laurie reckons to stay cool and play things as they come.

If he's to be totally accepted in Madrid, Laurie has not only to produce his top form on the pitch — he's also got to do a crash course in Spanish and devote more time to establishing friendly relations with those team-mates who regard him with suspicion and a touch of resentment at the astronomical money offered to a 23-year-old foreigner who, until the time of his arrival, had been an almost total "unknown" in Spain.

Let's hope that Laurie will soon overcome these adaptation problems and be more popular with players, Press and fans alike.

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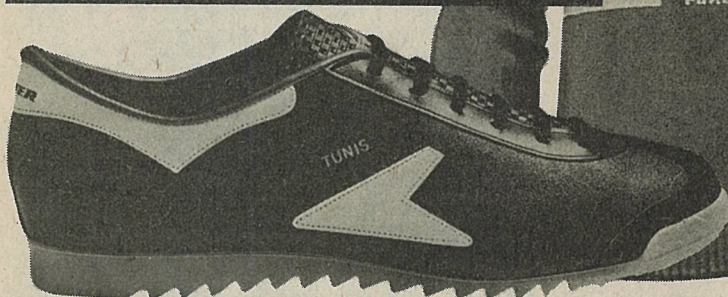
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# Why Europe's top scorer stayed at home

To British readers KK can only mean Kevin Keegan. But over in Holland the Double K who's been hitting all the headlines is AZ '67 striker Kees Kist — the man who scored 34 goals in 34 matches last season and has just picked up the Adidas Golden Boot Award for Europe's top goalscorer. Kist looks an athlete from head to toe — he's tall, blond and has the rugged face and strong physique that could easily belong to a rugby player.

"I've always played number nine," recalls Kist. "I like playing up-front and I've got a flair for scoring goals — so it seems logical to try and make the most of it. I remember that in one game when I was still an amateur I scored 15 goals in one match! Since I turned professional with AZ the most I've ever scored in one game was seven. I think that was in a Cup game against Wageningen."

Kist's rocket shooting has certainly posed serious problems for opposing defences, but these days the top strikers usually warrant special man-to-man "treatment" from tough defenders.

"Well, yes, I've been a marked man in Holland for several years, but now I'm noticing that when we travel I get more attention than before. I suppose this is inevitable when you win an international award like the Golden Boot. In any case, I think the only reasonable answer is always to be in peak physical condition; to concentrate; to be mentally alert; and to be in the right frame of mind for every game."

At the age of 27 in December, it seems strange that Kees Kist has had to wait so long to achieve international renown — especially as he had a golden chance to project his name at the top level in the 1978 World Cup and refused to go!

"That was a personal thing between the national team manager Ernst Happel and myself. To

be honest, I was put out because initially I simply wasn't included in his plans. He picked me once and then dropped me. Then when he finally called me in again I decided that I didn't want to go to Argentina. I had scored 19 goals in 1977 and 25 in 1978, and I felt that I had deserved more recognition."

In the meantime, Kist is one of the new generation of Dutch players who have the difficult job of preserving Holland's reputation as Europe's top footballing nation.

"Yes, of course the Ajax era was a great time for Dutch football, and the two World Cup Finals have established us at the top on the international scene. In a way it's remarkable for a country with only 13 million inhabitants. But you can't live on past glories, and we must continue to encourage and bring through young players."

## 'Problems'

"Fortunately, football is the number one sport in our country and the installations are some of the finest in the world. I would say that the greatest problem at the moment is that many of our top players are having to go abroad to earn good money. Our attendances here are very low compared with countries like Spain, and consequently the clubs have problems in offering such attractive terms."

Kist, of course, was the target of a close season bid by West Ham.

"AZ have fixed my transfer fee at around £575,000 I think — and that's a lot of money. To be honest, I wasn't all that happy about moving to West Ham, and I think everyone will understand that it would have been a strange move if Europe's top scorer had gone to



play in the Second Division!

"Frankly it would have to be a really lucrative offer from a Spanish or maybe Italian club to make me leave Holland. I honestly believe that we are at the top of the League when it comes to football skills, and I would only accept a move if the money difference was important and if there were 'fringe' benefits like a good climate and passionate support for the club involved. At the moment, I'm more concerned about maintaining my European title this season, and helping AZ win something."

## WORLD WIDE



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**HUNGARIAN** player Laszlo Balint has been refused a work permit by the Dutch Government. He was hoping to be signed by Ajax but the authorities said "there are enough players of his standard who are Dutch."

Henning Jensen was signed by the Amsterdammers without any trouble because he's a Dane and Denmark, like Holland, are in the E.E.C.

## FOREIGNER IS FRENCH!

**SAAR** Boubacar, the Senegal-born player who has already turned out for Marseille and Sochaux, has been signed for this season by Paris St. Germain who, despite having the maximum two foreigners already, Abel (Brazil) and Alves (Portugal), have found a way out.

Club officials put it to the F.A. that Boubacar was born French, even though he travels on a Senegalese passport... because when Boubacar was born in 1951, Senegal was still a French colony, and therefore a French citizen!

The F.A. accepted this plea and duly registered the player for his new club, but they immediately added an extra clause to the foreigners rule to prevent it happening again.

**THERE'S** been a minor scandal in Spain, where Hungarian Champions Ujpest Dosza were playing in a pre-season tournament in Cadiz. The Hungarians' goalkeeper Zoltan Toth (who's also the national team 'keeper') disappeared from the team's hotel; hid until the Hungarians had returned to their own country; and then asked for political asylum. If Toth (23) stays in Spain, he'll almost certainly be snapped up by a Spanish club, but he was last seen in the U.S.A.



**F**OR several months, Brazilians and Argentinians have been arguing about which is better — Zico (right) or Maradona (above) — and the doubts have not been settled by the recent clash between the two countries in the America Cup: Maradona didn't play and Zico was sent-off after only 26 minutes, in Buenos Aires.

The manner in which he was sent-off aroused severe criticism that the Argentinians are going back to their old crafty ways, after reasonable behaviour during the World Cup.

First, captain Daniel Passarella threw himself to the ground, claiming to have been hit by Zico, upon which he began to demand that the referee (the Uruguayan Cerullo) sent the Brazilian player off.

# The clash that never was

Three or four minutes later, at the moment the Brazilians were trying to organise a wall after a free-kick had been awarded, Gallego attacked Zico, under the very eyes of the referee, and the Brazilian retaliated. Both were sent-off.

"Zico was too naive not to realise that Gallego was acting under orders," complained Brazilian manager Claudio Coutinho after the game. "The Argentinians simply sacrificed one of their most mediocre players for the one they most feared in Brazil."

But if Zico was not there, the new Brazilian star, Sócrates, scored the two goals that eliminated Argentina from the America Cup. Brazil led 1-0 and then 2-1 and the Argentinians managed to equalise both times, thanks to mistakes by Brazilian goalkeeper Leão.

Now, it's been 11 games and more than nine years since Brazil last lost to Argentina and that was in March, 1970, when Brazil were warming up for the World Cup

in Mexico. The Argentinians have been left with a recent losing streak that began the night they lost 2-1 to the Rest of the World. After that followed defeats to Brazil, Bolivia and now a draw at home to Brazil, and a 2-1 loss in West Germany.

Meanwhile César Luis Menotti, who had claimed that the America Cup "is not important", left for Japan, with Maradona, for the Junior World Championship which Argentina won. The Argentinian Press are unhappy, though, because they feel that Argentina's prestige, as World Champions, is at stake.

For his part, Brazilian manager Claudio Coutinho is happy to have qualified and thus ward off more criticism from former manager and friend Zagalo.

When Brazil beat Bolivia a meagre 2-1 in São Paulo, one week before the game with Argentina, Zagalo appeared in the papers with some very critical opinions of Coutinho. Zagalo made it very clear that Brazil lacked an intelligent manager and



left people with no doubts about his willingness to replace Coutinho and provide the services required.

Coutinho didn't give him any answer, stating simply that "I consider myself above this level of argument." People now wonder what they will say to each other when they find themselves as neighbours in a new luxurious block of flats overlooking a beach in Rio. Both have been given flats in this new block in payment for a television commercial that shows them embracing, commending each other in laudable terms and inviting people who "love life" to "come and be our neighbours."

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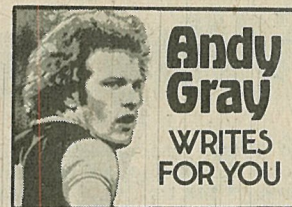
At one stage I had a feeling I'd be in the Villa second team for a while. When I asked for a transfer during the summer I didn't consider the possibility of a long run in the "stiffs", but I soon had the impression that Ron Saunders wasn't going to pick me for the first team, even though John Gidman, also transfer-listed, was playing. Still, that's in the past and was the manager's decision.

I'd rather look forward than back, although I owe it to SHOOT readers to talk more about the background to my record-breaking transfer.

There have been a lot of rumours and whispers, so perhaps I can clear up a few things.

As I've said before, I wanted to leave Villa because they are going backward, rather than forward. Two years ago they were on the brink of joining the First Division elite and had a side bursting with promise. The progress hasn't happened and I believe Villa are still in decline.

I want to go on record and say I have absolutely no complaints with Aston Villa as a club or the support-



were both finding each other out; certainly his attitude and ambitions matched mine.

The other person was Bill Shankly. Nobody knows more about football than the former Liverpool boss, and I decided to give him a ring for advice. I don't know Bill too well, and when I rang I said: "I hope you don't mind me asking you Mr. Shankly..." and then sat back for 30 minutes taking in every word he said.

The deal took a few days to go through simply because with close on £1.5 million involved, you don't rush into things. All the parties concerned needed a little time to think of all the consequences, but I was delighted to sign in front of the Molineux fans before the 1-1 draw with Crystal Palace on September 8th.

I was a little apprehensive before the medical, not because of my knee problems, but these examinations have a nasty habit of throwing up something you have no idea

## 'Wolves

ters... and leave it at that. The Villa directors called Giddy and I in for an informal chat and asked us why we wanted to leave. I told them exactly why... but I didn't really tell them anything they didn't already know.

I had become disenchanted with the game and all the behind-the-scenes squabbles were having an effect on morale. I could even see it in training.

It was a year ago that I first considered moving on, but there was no way I could put in a request while I was injured. So I waited until I was fit and asked to leave.

### Stress

I was hoping things would improve, but they haven't and I have no regrets about leaving, even though I stress that as a club there are few better than Villa.

Wolves, to me, are a club going forward. When John Barnwell arrived last season, they were already written off for relegation. Not only did Wolves not go down, they also reached the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup. The team have made a comfortable start to 1979/80 and I get the impression their spending has not stopped with Andy Gray.

Two people persuaded me to join Wolves. I was very impressed by Mr. Barnwell when we met. We had a nice meal one afternoon and got to know each other by chatting generally about the game. I suppose we

about. Anyway, all was well and there were no hitches.

The size of the fee is totally unrealistic. The only way I can look at it is to say it is a figure agreed by two clubs, one who wanted me and one who were selling me. Incidentally, contrary to popular belief, there was no money motive in my move — I'm not really earning any more at Molineux than I was at Villa Park.

People have always expected a lot from me and now they're going to expect even more, with the Costliest Player tag around my neck. At a guess, I reckon I may have this title for a while, but in soccer you never know...

I've averaged around a goal every other game throughout my career and I don't envisage that dropping. All I would ask is not to be labelled some sort of Messiah. There are 15 or 16 other lads in the Wolves first team squad who are all important; I'm just one of the team.

I was like a kid at a new school on my first day at training. I've got a lot to learn, as Wolves play completely differently from Villa. My first impression was how happy the atmosphere was after the gloom of Villa.

To score on my debut at Everton in our 3-2 victory was marvellous. I was a little nervous, because I knew all eyes were on me and I was expected to score. Well, I managed one, but the most important thing was that Wolves won. In a few





# can give me success —Villa couldn't

weeks I hope John Richards and myself will have struck up an even deadlier understanding.

I believe I will learn a lot from John Barnwell at Wolves and this will make me a better player; I couldn't see this happening had I remained at Villa Park.

While I'm confident success will come to Molineux, it is silly to say we will DEFINITELY win something; probably only Liverpool and Nottingham Forest could make such a brash statement.

Mr. Barnwell has said that if he doesn't bring success to the club within five years, he doesn't expect to stay. My opinion is that this situation won't arise.

I shall soon be moving to a house in the Wolverhampton area to be closer to the club. I'm only 45 minutes away from the city now — but I'd rather have an extra three-quarters of an hour in bed in the morning!

I shall also be keeping my interest in the Holy City Zoo night club in Birmingham. Despite what certain people say, I am there infrequently, maybe at the weekend or for a

board meeting. Too much has been made of this and it hasn't hindered my soccer in the slightest.

This Saturday (September 29th) we play Arsenal, who have had an up-and-down start to the season, beating Leeds 7-0 and then losing to Derby 3-2 after being 2-0 up.

The Gunners' defence isn't the easiest to break down, but I'm feeling fitter with every game and a goal (or two) at Highbury would be great.

Join me again in a fortnight.

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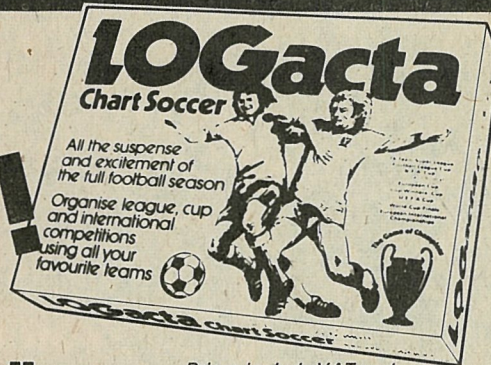
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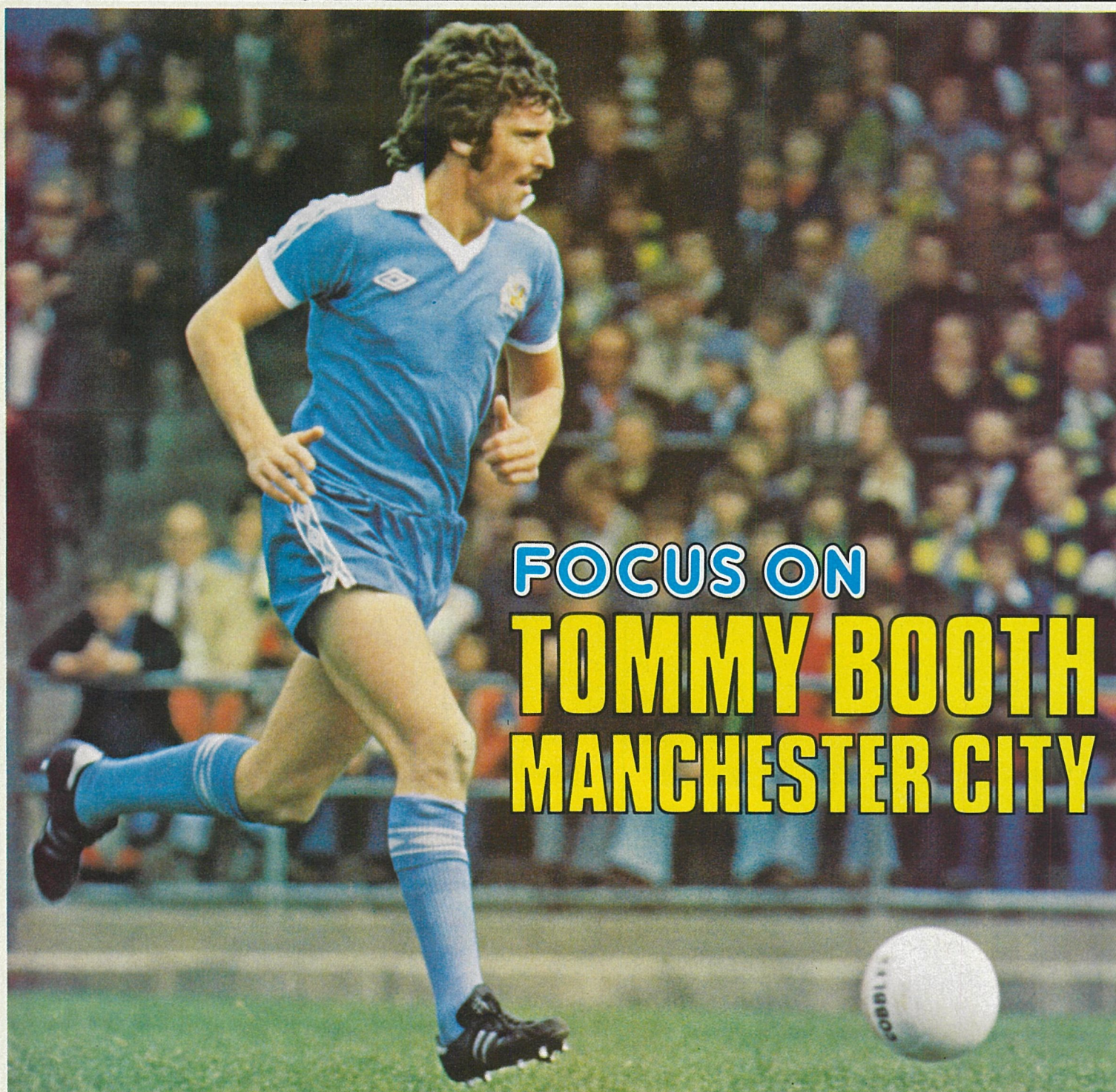
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**BIRTHPLACE:** Manchester  
**BIRTHDATE:** 9th November, 1949  
**HEIGHT:** 6ft 2ins  
**WEIGHT:** 13st 3lbs  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None  
**MARRIED:** To Janice  
**CHILDREN:** Boy, Darren  
**CAR:** Cortina  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** I haven't got one  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Liverpool  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** Ipswich Town's Paul Mariner  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** Manchester City against Leicester in the 1969 F.A. Cup Final. We won 1-0  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Scoring winning goal

against Everton in an F.A. Cup Semi-Final tie  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Losing to Wolverhampton Wanderers 2-1 in the 1974 League Cup Final  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Australia  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Steak Diane  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Golf and tennis  
**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Cleaning the car and hangers-on  
**FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS:** The Benny Hill Show and all sports programmes  
**FAVOURITE SINGERS:** The Rolling Stones and ELO  
**FAVOURITE ACTORS:** Clint Eastwood and James Coburn  
**BEST FRIENDS:** My wife, plus a few close acquaintances

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Harry Goodwin (chief scout)  
**BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER:** Losing  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** England Under-23 caps  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To make my family secure  
**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To keep playing in the top grade for as long as possible  
**IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE?** An engineer  
**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?** Mick Jagger

*Tommy Booth*

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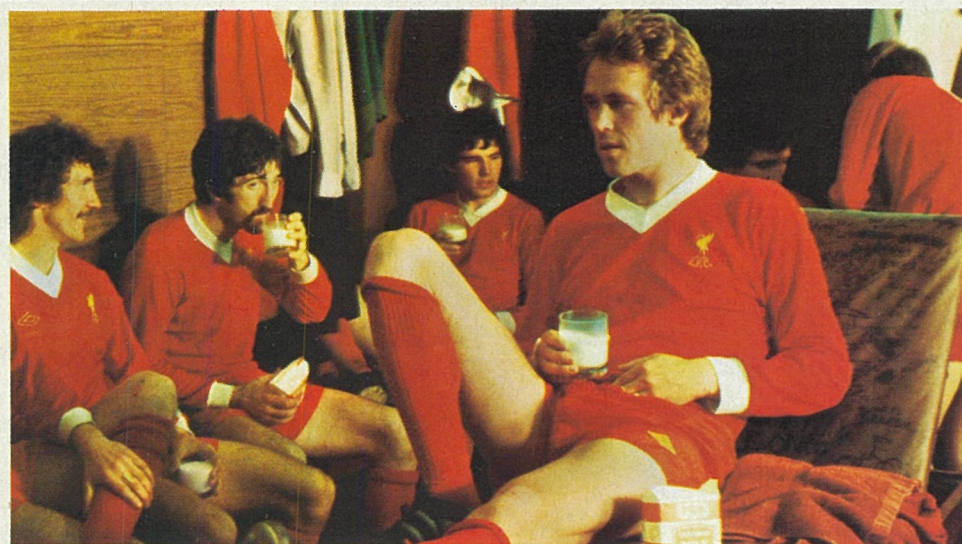


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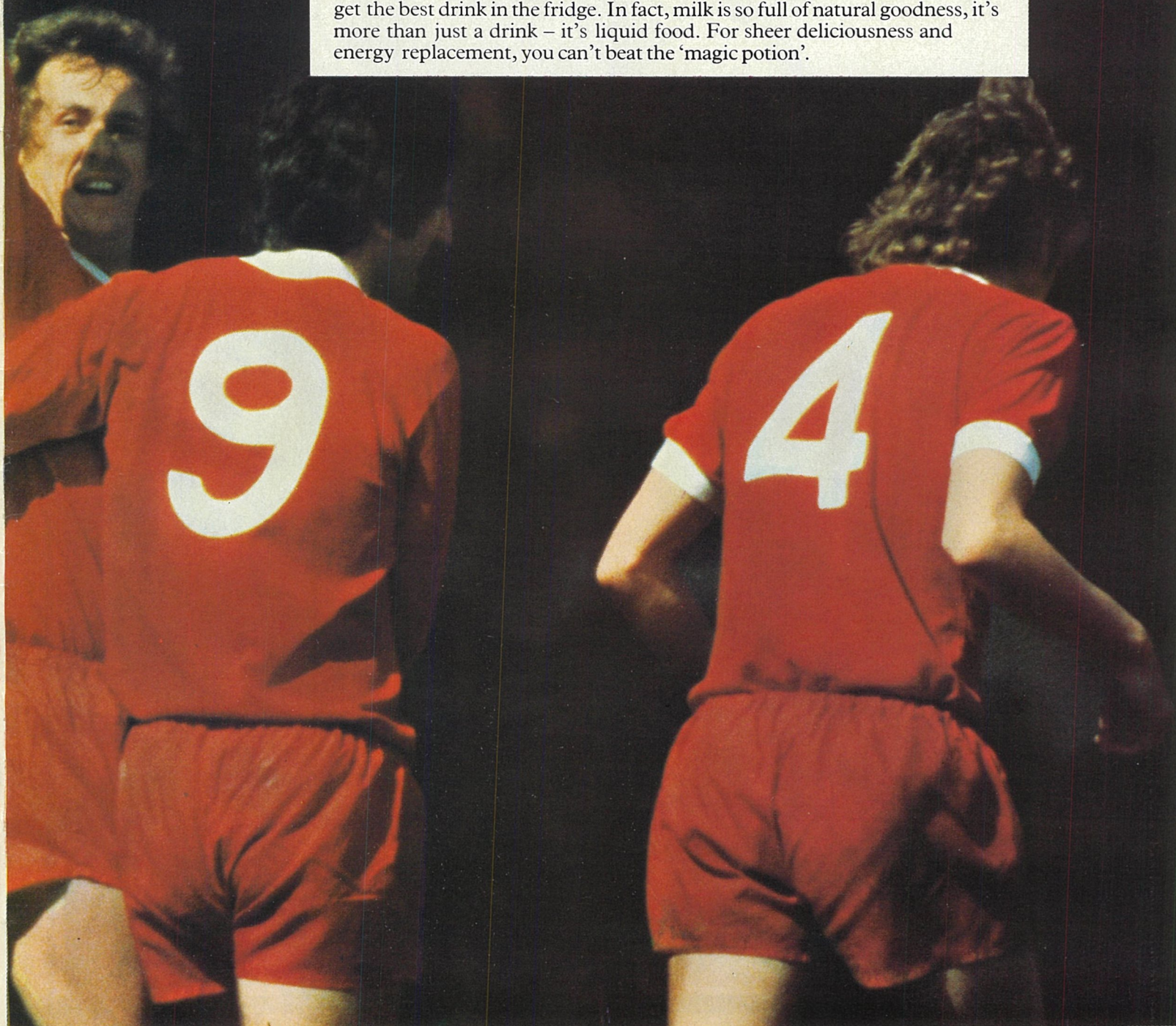




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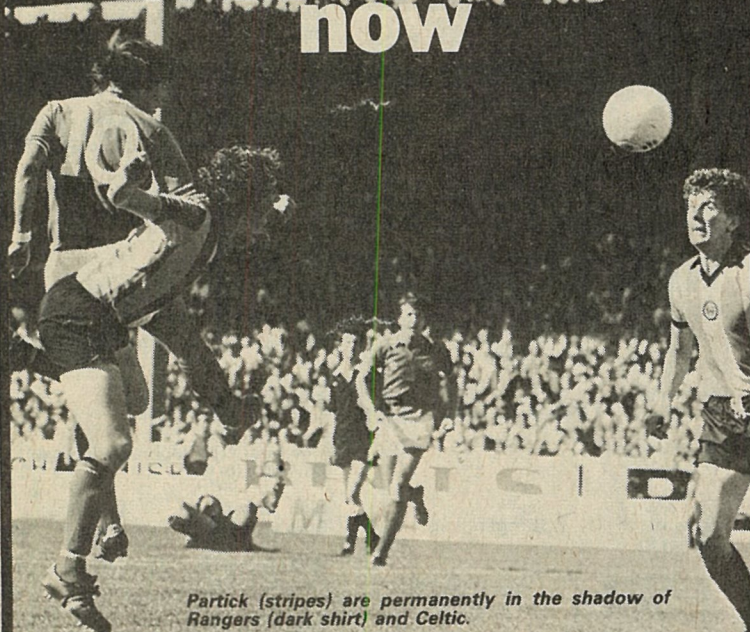
Action study of  
Norwich City's  
midfield player Mick  
McGuire, closely marked  
by Barry Powell of  
Coventry City.



SHOOT!



# No one laughs at Partick Thistle now



Partick (stripes) are permanently in the shadow of Rangers (dark shirt) and Celtic.

**W**HEN Bertie Auld smiles the room can brighten with the man's charm and warmth. Those flashing teeth in the re-enforced chin can bedazzle the onlooker.

However, when the same Auld shows the other side of his character the lights can suddenly go out and a chill can slither down your spine.

The man, quite simply, is a competitor who enjoys winning. As a player he paraded a bewildering assortment of talent and trickery in Celtic's midfield as they took Europe by storm in the 60's.

Now, as a manager, Auld has absolutely no intention of slipping out of the limelight. Neither has his ambition diminished. He is a no-nonsense character, who has obviously learned a lot under the shrewd and expert guidance of Jock Stein while at Parkhead.

Auld demands total effort, concentration, dedication and application from his players and they certainly got the message after a recent draw at Dens Park.

## Part-time

A 2-2 score looked a good one on paper for the Firhill club and it took them within a point of Celtic at the top of the League, but Auld didn't waste time in congratulating his part-time team.

"We just stopped playing when we went in front and started to stroll around," he raged. "This let Dundee back into the game when we should have been running them into the ground."

"We had to rely on a goal minutes from time to get a point and that was because the attitude of my players wasn't what it should have been."

"It was entirely wrong and I don't intend to tolerate such a lack of commitment. The whole team was to blame. We were rubbish."

Auld, then, is obviously a hard task master. But is he wrong in adopting this tough life with Thistle, who are, after all, permanently in the giant shadow cast by the Old Firm of Celtic and Rangers?

"Bertie Auld can be a right so-and-so at times," says a former Firhill player who wishes to remain anonymous for obvious reasons. "He gave me a hard time when I was with Thistle, but I realise now he was doing it for my own good."

"He knew I had more to offer than I realised myself. I thought he was needling me needlessly and I couldn't take it. But I can admire him now. He just doesn't want to know about settling for second best."

"That is certainly not his style. He is still a colourful, flamboyant character and God help the person who says anything bad about Partick Thistle within his earshot!"

Auld is working on a shoestring at Thistle, but he still feels, quite rightly, that anyone who pulls on that yellow and red jersey should have pride in the club.

He doesn't want Thistle just to be a launching pad for players to take off on various routes for soccer stardom. He wants them to build their careers at Firhill and go all the way with Partick Thistle.

It's certainly an ambitious notion. Partick Thistle, once known as Scotland's 'joke' team, are ridding themselves of that tag as they try to burst into a new era.

Bertie Auld, with a gleam in his eye and a steady stream of smoke erupting from a huge cigar, says to listeners: "Partick Thistle can win the Premier title, you know."

He pauses to take another draw at his cigar... and no one is in the mood to shoot down his theory.

Auld, it seems, has won that battle. People listen when he talks. His players will learn this in time, too.

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## W.B.A. Finals

As a keen West Bromwich supporter, I'd like to know the scores in our ten F.A. Cup Finals?

GEOFFREY INGLES,  
WILLEHALL.

● Albion have broken even, Geoffrey — winning five, and losing five.

Victories have been in 1888 (beating Preston 2-1); 1892 (Aston Villa 3-0); 1931 (Birmingham 2-1); 1954 (Preston 3-2); and 1968 (Everton 1-0).

And defeats have been in 1886 (beaten by Blackburn 2-0, after a 0-0 draw); 1887 (Aston Villa 2-0); 1895 (Aston Villa 1-0); 1912 (Barnsley 1-0, after a 0-0 draw); and 1935 (Sheffield Wednesday 4-2).

## Spot-kicks

Who's scored the most penalties in Football League matches in a single season?

CHRIS SMITH,  
ROSSENDALE.

● Former England favourite Francis Lee holds that record, Chris.

In 1971-72, Frannie banged in 13 penalties for Manchester City in the First Division.

For the record... they were against Palace (home); Chelsea (away); Wolves (away); Forest (away); Everton (home); Manchester United (home); West Ham (away); Derby (away); Leicester (home); Forest (home); Sheffield United (away); Arsenal (home); and Derby (home).

That same season, Lee also scored a penalty against Middlesbrough in the F.A. Cup, and against Wolves in the League Cup.

## Final team

What was the Liverpool team which won the F.A. Cup in 1974?

STEVEN KERNICK,  
SALTASH.

● This is how they lined-up for that 3-0 win over Newcastle, Steven.  
Ray Clemence, Tommy Smith, Alec

Lindsay, Phil Thompson, Peter Cormack, Emyln Hughes, Kevin Keegan, Brian Hall, Steve Heighway, John Toshack, Ian Callaghan; sub — Chris Lawler.

Keegan (two) and Heighway got the goals.

## Oldest

Who was the oldest man ever to play in the Football League?

MARIA McWILLIAM,  
BURNLEY.

● Neil McBain was the player, Maria — 52 years and four months old when he kept goal for New Brighton away against Hartlepool in the old Third Division (North) on 15th March, 1947.

McBain was then manager of the club — and, due to illness, suddenly found himself short of a 'keeper at Hartlepool.

So despite the fact that all his playing career has been as a wing half — in which position he'd played three times for Scotland back in the 1920's — he gallantly took over himself in goal.

But there was no fairy tale ending, as his side were beaten 3-0.

## SHORT PASSES

● Denis Law gained 55 full caps for Scotland between 1958 and 1974.

(JOHN HUNTER, Londonderry)

● Spurs beat Everton 10-4 in their first match under Bill Nicholson's management (Div. One; 11th October, 1958).

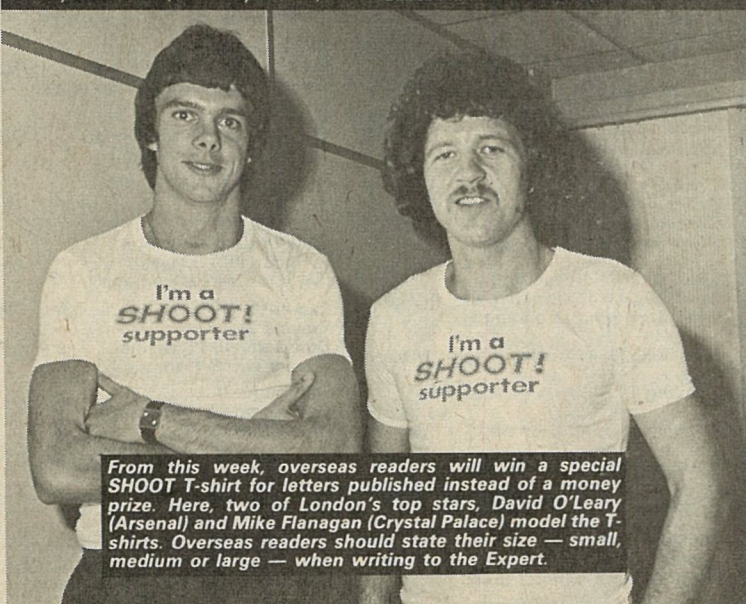
(PAUL KELLY, Eire)

● Present Arsenal manager Terry Neill was the scorer when Northern Ireland beat England 1-0 at Wembley on 23rd May, 1972.

(GARY BALL, Co. Down)

● Paul Madeley made his League debut for Leeds in January, 1964.

(JOHN POTTER, Crawley)



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# RESULTS...SCORERS...GATES... RESULTS...

## Saturday, September 1

### Scottish League Cup

#### (Second Round, second-leg)

Stranraer (3) 3 (Hyslop 2, Robertson)  
St. Johnstone (2) 3 (Hamilton, Brogan 2)  
(St. Johnstone win 6-4 on agg.) 1,000

### Scottish First

Dumbarton (3) 4 (Gallagher, Blair, Sharp 2)  
Berwick (0) 1 (Tait) 2,000

## Monday, September 3

### Football League Cup

#### (Second Round, second-leg)

Southend (0) 0  
Bolton (0) 0  
(Southend win 2-1 on agg.) 9,140

### Scottish League Cup

#### (Second Round, second-leg)

Hearts (0) 0  
Ayr (1) 1 (McLaughlin)  
(Ayr win 3-2 on agg.) 9,000

## Tuesday, September 4

### Football League Cup

#### (Second Round, second-leg)

Arsenal (3) 7 (Sunderland 3, Nelson, Brady 2 (2 pens), Stapleton)  
Leeds (0) 0  
(Arsenal win 8-1 on agg.) 35,129

Barnsley (0) 0  
West Ham (1) 2 (Cross 2)  
(West Ham win 5-1 on agg.) 15,898

Cambridge (0) 1 (Cozens)  
Brighton (1) 2 (Maybank, Ward)  
(Brighton win 4-1 on agg.) 4,952

Chelsea (0) 1 (Droy)  
Plymouth (1) 2 (Harrison, Johnson)  
(Plymouth win 4-3 on agg.) 14,112

C. Palace (4) 7 (Hilaire, Murphy, Flanagan 2, Francis, Walsh 2)  
Stockport (0) 0  
(C. Palace win 8-1 on agg.) 18,465

Coventry (0) 0  
Ipswich (0) 0  
(Coventry win 1-0 on agg.) 16,705

Huddersfield (0) 1 (Holmes (pen))  
Grimsby (1) 4 (Cumming 2, Ford, Lester)  
(Grimsby win 5-1 on agg.) 5,550

Liverpool (0) 4 (Thompson, Dalglish 2, Fairclough)  
Tranmere (0) 0  
(Liverpool win 4-0 on agg.) 24,785

Man. City (0) 2 (Henry 2)  
Sheff. Wed. (0) 1 (Smith (pen))  
(Man. City win 3-2 on agg.) 24,074

Mansfield (3) 4 (Austin 2, Taylor, McClelland)  
Reading (0) 2 (Bowman, Alexander)  
(Mansfield win 7-6 on agg.) a.e.t.4,326

Middlesbro (0) 1 (Jankovic)  
Derby (0) 1 (Crawford)  
(Middlesbro win 2-1 on agg.) 19,466

Oldham (1) 3 (Hilton, Wood, Heaton)  
Northampton (0) 1 (Denyer)  
(Northampton win 4-3 on agg.) 4,850

Preston (0) 0  
Birmingham (0) 1 (Lynex)  
(Birmingham win 3-1 on agg.) 11,043

Rotherham (1) 1 (Fern)  
Bristol C (0) 1 (Mabbutt)  
(Bristol C. win 2-1 on agg.) 7,327

Shrewsbury (0) 0  
Chesterfield (0) 0  
(Chesterfield win 3-0 on agg.) 4,270

Swansea (1) 1 (Craig (pen))  
Stoke (0) 3 (Crooks 2, Randall)  
a.e.t.20,039

(Stoke win 4-2 on agg.)  
Wimbledon (1) 2 (Downes, Parsons)  
Orient (0) 2 (Mayo, Margerrison)  
a.e.t.3,510

(Wimbledon win 5-4 on penalties)  
Wolves (1) 2 (Hibbitt, Palmer)  
Burnley (0) 0  
(Wolves win 3-1 on agg.) 18,213

## Wednesday, September 5

### European Cup-Winners' Cup

#### (Preliminary Round, second-leg)

Lillestrom (0) 0  
Rangers (1) 2 (MacDonald, Johnstone)  
(Rangers win 3-0 on agg.) 6,175



Chelsea's Peter Osgood poses Birmingham problems.

### Football League Cup

#### (Second Round, second-leg)

Aston Villa (0) 0  
Colchester (1) 2 (Lee, Gough)  
a.e.t.19,473

(Aston Villa win 9-8 on penalties)  
Blackpool (0) 0  
Peterborough (0) 1 (Kellock)  
(Peterborough win 1-0 on agg.) 5,254

Bradford C (0) 0  
Q.P.R. (1) 2 (Gillard, Roeder)  
(Q.P.R. win 4-1 on agg.) 11,372

Cardiff (0) 1 (Buchanan)  
Everton (0) 0  
(Everton win 2-1 on agg.) 9,698

Chester (0) 1 (Sutcliffe)  
Swindon (0) 1 (Mayes)  
(Swindon win 2-1 on agg.) 3,930

Exeter (1) 5 (Hatch, Neville (pen), Sims, Bowker 2)  
Doncaster (0) 1 (Downie)  
(Exeter win 6-4 on agg.) a.e.t.3,201

Fulham (0) 0  
West Brom (1) 1 (Robson)  
(West Brom win 2-1 on agg.) 11,542

Man. Utd. (1) 3 (Thomas, Coppell, Miller (o.g.))  
Tottenham (0) 1 (Armstrong)  
(Man. Utd. win 4-3 on agg.) 48,292

Newcastle (0) 2 (Shoulder, Boam)  
Sunderland (0) 2 (Brown 2) a.e.t.30,533  
(Sunderland win 7-6 on penalties.)

Norwich (1) 4 (Taylor A, Paddon 2, Reeves)  
Gillingham (2) 2 (Bruce 2)  
(Norwich win 5-3 on agg.) 10,565

Nottm. For. (2) 6 (Bowyer 2, Robertson 2 (1 pen), Gray, Woodcock)  
Blackburn (1) 1 (Craig)  
(Nottm. For. win 7-2 on agg.) 21,244

Torquay (0) 0  
Notts Co. (1) 1 (Hooks)  
(Notts Co. win 1-0 on agg.) 4,531

Wrexham (0) 0  
Southampton (1) 3 (Hebberd, Hayes, Boyer)  
(Southampton win 8-0 on agg.) 5,134

### Scottish First

Airdrie (1) 6 (McKeown, Lapsley (pen), McClymont, McGuire, Clark 2)  
Ayr (2) 2 (McAllister, Frye) 1,500

Arbroath (0) 1 (Stark)  
Hamilton (1) 2 (Fairlie, Howie) 1,008

Berwick (0) 0  
Raith (0) 0 1,400

Clyde (0) 0  
Dumbarton (1) 2 (Brogan (o.g.), Gallagher B) 1,200

Dunfermline (0) 2 (McNaughton, McAloon)  
Motherwell (0) 0 3,000

Hearts (1) 2 (Gibson 2)  
St. Johnstone (0) 1 (Hamilton) 5,000

Stirling (2) 2 (Armstrong, McFee)  
Clydebank (0) 0 1,600

### Scottish Second

Cowdenbeath (0) 1 (Purdie)  
Meadowbank (1) 2 (Jobson, Conroy) 300

East Fife (0) 1 (Lumsden)  
Albion (0) 0 581

East Stirling (0) 2 (Ashwood, McCulley)  
Brechin (1) 1 (Paterson) 200

Forfar (2) 3 (Clark 2, Clark (o.g.))  
Queen of South (0) 1 (George) 1,000

Montrose (1) 1 (Robb)  
Falkirk (1) 3 (Perry, McAllan 2) 980

Queen's Park (4) 7 (Wood, Melrose 2, Irvine 2, Nicholson, McFarlane)  
Alloa (0) 0 900

Stranraer (0) 1 (Hyslop)  
Stenhousemuir (0) 0 700

## Friday, September 7

### Third Division

Southend (0) 1 (Morris)  
Blackpool (2) 2 (Wilson, Kellow) 5,600

### Fourth Division

Crewe (0) 0  
Port Vale (2) 2 (Chamberlain 2) 4,539

Northampton (0) 0  
Halifax (0) 0 2,759

## Saturday, September 8

### First Division

Aston Villa (0) 0  
Man. Utd. (1) 3 (Coppell, Thomas (pen), Grimes) 34,859

Bolton (0) 0  
West Brom (0) 0 17,033

Derby (0) 3 (Langan, McCaffery, Duncan)  
Arsenal (2) 2 (Sunderland, Stapleton) 16,429

Ipswich (0) 1 (Woods)  
Bristol C (0) 0 16,915

Liverpool (1) 4 (Johnson 3, Case)  
Coventry (0) 0 39,926

Man. City (0) 0  
Southampton (1) 1 (Holmes) 34,920

Middlesbro (1) 1 (Proctor)  
Norwich (0) 0 19,575

Nottm For (0) 0  
Leeds (0) 0 26,914

Stoke (2) 2 (O'Callaghan, Smith)  
Everton (2) 3 (King, Bailey, Irvine (o.g.)) 23,450

Tottenham (1) 2 (Armstrong, Hoddle (pen))  
Brighton (0) 1 (Horton) 34,107

Wolves (0) 1 (Clarke)  
C. Palace (1) 1 (Swindleyhurst) 24,580

### Second Division

Bristol R (0) 1 (Barrowclough (pen))  
Watford (0) 1 (Jenkins) 7,628

Burnley (0) 1 (Kindon)  
Oldham (1) 1 (Heaton) 6,832

Cardiff (0) 1 (Stevens)  
Shrewsbury (0) 0 8,683

Charlton (1) (Hales)  
Wrexham (0) 2 (Giles, Vinter) 5,929

Chelsea (0) 1 (Walker)  
Birmingham (0) 2 (Lynex, Curbishley) 17,182



Leicester (0) 1 (Young)  
Notts Co (0) 0 16,595

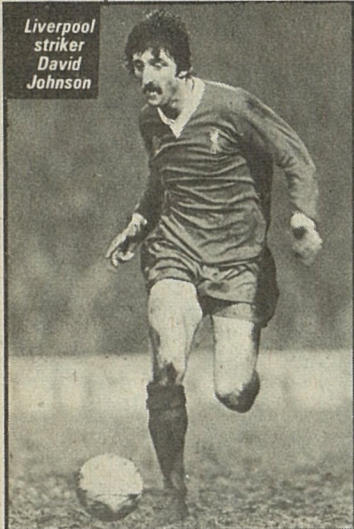
Luton (2) 5 (Moss 2 (1 pen), Hatton, West, Hill)  
Swansea (0) 0 10,004

Orient (0) 1 (Jennings)  
Newcastle (3) 4 (Shoulder (pen), Cartwright, Withe, Hibbitt) 5,700

Preston (1) 1 (Coleman)  
West Ham (0) 1 (Cross) 10,460



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Liverpool  
striker  
David  
Johnson

Q.P.R. (0) 3 (Goddard, Allen, Currie)  
Fulham (0) 0 17,105

Sunderland (2) 2 (Buckley, Elliott)  
Cambridge (0) 0 22,898

## Third Division

Barnsley (1) 1 (Riley)  
Mansfield (0) 0 10,588

Carlisle (0) 1 (Hamilton)  
Gillingham (2) 2 (Price, Bannon (o.g.))  
3,411

Chester (1) 1 (Storton)  
Millwall (0) 1 (Towner) 3,473

Chesterfield (1) 3 (Hunter, Birch, Moss)  
Colchester (0) 0 4,206

Exeter (0) 1 (Bowker)  
Bury (0) 0 2,995

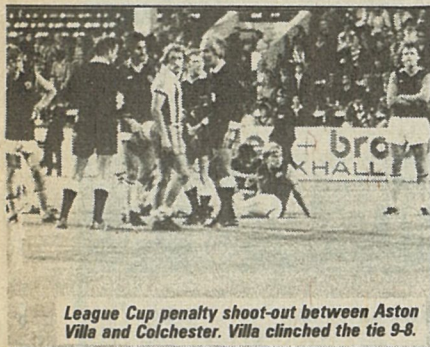
Grimsby (1) 1 (Cumming)  
Plymouth (0) 0 7,224

Hull (1) 3 (Edwards, Farley, Moss)  
Sheff Utd. (0) 1 (Sabella) 9,556

Oxford (2) 4 (Berry, Graydon 2 (1 pen),  
Fogg)  
Reading (0) 0 5,905

Rotherham (3) 3 (Gwyther, Fern, Tyler)  
Swindon (0) 0 4,672

Sheff. Wed. (0) 0  
Brentford (1) 2 (Holmes L., Phillips)  
11,612



League Cup penalty shoot-out between Aston  
Villa and Colchester. Villa clinched the tie 9-8.

Wimbledon (0) 1 (Knowles)  
Blackburn (0) 0 3,671

## Fourth Division

Aldershot (1) 2 (Crosby, Dungworth)  
Scunthorpe (0) 0 2,709

Bournemouth (0) 1 (Hinnigan (o.g.))  
Wigan (0) 2 (Brownbill 2) 4,390

Bradford (0) 1 (Hutchins)  
Lincoln (0) 1 (Cockerill) 5,298

Hartlepool (0) 3 (Goldthorpe 2 (1 pen),  
Ayre)  
Darlington (1) 1 (Walsh) 3,682

Hereford (1) 1 (White)  
Tranmere (1) 2 (Craven, Lumb) 3,812

Huddersfield (2) 2 (Fletcher, Robins)  
Newport (1) 1 (Oakes) 3,134

Portsmouth (1) 1 (Laidlaw)  
Stockport (0) 0 14,942

Rochdale (1) 1 (Weir)  
Walsall (0) 1 (Caswell) 2,500

York (0) 0  
Peterborough (Robson 2) 3,102

## Scottish Premier

Celtic (1) 2 (McCluskey 2)  
Dundee Utd (1) 2 (Pettigrew (pen),  
Milne) 27,000

Dundee (0) 2 (Sinclair, Redford)  
Partick (0) 2 (McAdam 2) 6,405

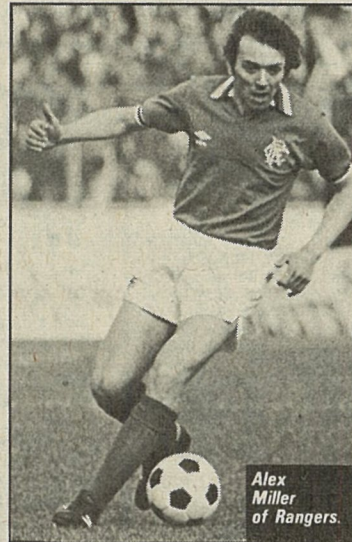
Kilmarnock (0) 1 (Jardine)  
Hibernian (0) 0 4,650

Morton (1) 3 (Thomson 2, Ritchie)  
Aberdeen (1) 2 (McMaster, Archibald)  
7,000

Rangers (1) 3 (Smith, Johnstone, Miller  
(pen))  
St. Mirren (0) 1 (Stark) 18,000

## Scottish First

Airdrie (2) 4 (McClymont, Clark, Lapsley  
2 (pen))  
Arbroath (1) 1 (Myles) 3,000



Alex  
Miller  
of Rangers.

Ayr (0) 0  
Hamilton (2) 3 (Graham 2, Deeney)  
2,204

Dumbarton (0) 1 (Gallacher)  
Stirling (0) 2 (Armstrong, Kennedy,  
W.) 1,200

Dunfermline (0) 1 (McNaughton)  
Clyde (0) 1 (Anderson) 2,500

Hearts (0) 2 (Kidd 2)  
Clydebank (0) 1 (Houston) 6,000

Motherwell (0) 1 (Rafferty)  
Berwick (1) 1 (Tait) 1,781

St. Johnstone (1) 2 (Brogan 2)  
Raith (1) 2 (Miller, Harrow) 2,751

## Scottish Second

Albion (0) 2 (Campbell, Docherty)  
Cowdenbeath (0) 1 (Keane) 500

Alloa (1) 3 (McIntosh 2, Muir)  
Falkirk (2) 2 (Mitchell, McRoberts) 1,600

Brechin (1) 3 (Campbell L., Donald, Pat-  
terson)  
Meadowbank (1) 1 (Jobson) 400

East Fife (0) 1 (Methven)  
Stranraer (0) 0 743

East Stirling (0) 0  
Queen of South (1) 1 (Alexander) 250

Montrose (1) 2 (Murray, Wright)  
Queen's Park (0) 1 (Gillespie) 1,000

Stenhousemuir (2) 4 (Dunn 2, Jenkins,  
Jack)  
Forfar (0) 0 600

## Sunday, September 9

## League of Ireland

Athlone Town (2) 2 (Larkin, Salmon)  
Home Farm (0) 0

Dundalk (1) 3 (Daly 2, Carlyle)  
Cork United (0) 0

Finn Harps (0) 0  
Bohemians (1) 2 (Eviston, Joyce)

Limerick United (2) 2 (Morris, Doyle  
(o.g.))  
U.C.D. (0) 0

St. Patrick's Ath (0) 0  
Drogheda United (1) 2 (Clarke, Metcalfe)

Shamrock Rovers (2) 4 (Gaffney 2,  
Campbell 2)  
Sligo Rovers (0) 0

Shelbourne (0) 1 (McQuaid (o.g.))  
Thurles Town (0) 1 (Lyons)

Waterford (0) 0  
Galway Rovers (0) 1 (Dunphy (o.g.))

Unfortunately, the League of Ireland do  
not publish attendances.

## Monday, September 10

## Scottish Second

Forfar (0) 2 (Brash, Henderson) 700  
Queen's Park (1) 1 (Melrose)

## Tuesday, September 11

## International

Wales (1) 2 (Walsh, Curtis)  
Eire (1) 1 (Jones (o.g.)) 6,825  
(At Swansea)

## U.E.F.A. Under-21 Championship

England (1) 1 (Deehan)  
Denmark (0) 0 9,197  
(At Watford)

## Fourth Division

Doncaster (3) 5 (Lister, Pugh, Warboys,  
Lewis 2)  
Torquay (2) 3 (Lawrence, Murphy,  
Bourne) 3,557

## Scottish First

Ayr (1) 3 (Morris, Fyre 2 (1 pen))  
Dunfermline (0) 0 1,668

Clydebank (0) 2 (McCormack, Ronalds)  
Airdrie (1) 2 (Gordon, McKeown) 1,000

Hamilton (0) 3 (Graham, Howie,  
McQuade)  
Motherwell (2) 2 (McLaughlin, Wark)  
5,000

Raith (1) 3 (Harrow, Miller, Ford)  
Hearts (2) 2 (O'Connor 2) 5,000

St. Johnstone (2) 3 (McNeil, Brogan,  
Pelosi)  
Clyde (1) 2 (McCabe, Clougherty) 2,274

Stirling (1) 1 (Gray)  
Arbroath (0) 1 (Yule) 1,030

## Scottish Second

Albion (0) 2 (Franchetti 2)  
Alloa (0) 0 800

Brechin (2) 2 (Campbell (pen),  
Patterson)  
Stranraer (1) 1 (Reid (o.g.)) 600

Falkirk (0) 0  
East Fife (0) 0 3,000

Meadowbank (0) 0  
East Stirling (1) 1 (Grant) 600

Queen of South (1) 1 (Alexander)  
Montrose (2) 2 (Murray, Johnston) 600

Stenhousemuir (1) 4 (Jenkins 2 (1 pen),  
Hancock 2)  
Cowdenbeath (1) 1 (Liddle) 800

## Wednesday, September 12

## European Championship

England (1) 1 (Keegan)  
Denmark (0) 0 85,000  
(At Wembley)

## International

Scotland (1) 1 (Hartford)  
Peru (0) 1 (Leguia) 41,035  
(at Hampden)

## Under-21 International

Eire (0) 1 (Grimes (pen))  
Poland (1) 1 (Fajt)  
(in Dublin) 5,000

## Friday, September 14

## Fourth Division

Stockport (0) 1 (Henson (pen))  
Bournemouth (1) 1 (Chambers) 3,146

Tranmere (3) 4 (Kerr, O'Neil (pen), Cra-  
ven, Peplow)  
Portsmouth (1) 1 (Brisley) 3,550

## Saturday, September 15

## First Division

Arsenal (1) 2 (Sunderland, Stapleton)  
Middlesbro (0) 0 30,341

Brighton (1) 2 (Clark, Ryan)  
Ipswich (0) 0 23,608

Bristol C (0) 0  
Stoke (0) 0 16,662

Coventry (1) 3 (Wallace 2 Powell (pen))  
Bolton (0) 1 (Morgan) 15,353

Crystal P (1) 2 (Murphy 2)  
Aston Villa (0) 0 28,156

Everton (1) 2 (Kidd, Ross (pen))  
Wolves (0) 3 (Gray, Daniel (pen),  
Richards) 31,807

Leeds (0) 1 (Curtis)  
Liverpool (0) 1 (McDermott) 39,779

Man. Utd. (1) 1 (Hill (o.g.))  
Derby (0) 0 54,308

Norwich (2) 3 (Reeves, Fashanu,  
Robson)  
Nottm For (0) 1 (Woodcock) 18,621

Southampton (0) 5 (Boyer, Holmes 2,  
Baker, Channon)  
Tottenham (1) 2 (Hodde, Jones) 22,573

West Brom (2) 4 (Brown, A., Owen,  
Robson 2)  
Man City (0) 0 22,326

continued next week



**W**HETHER it's on TV or not, the Nottingham Forest v. Liverpool meeting this Saturday, September 29th, is "Match of the Day" to the majority of the fans in England.

Between the nation's top two teams, it generates the same interest as the Liverpool/Arsenal clashes of the early 70's.

There is no doubt that Forest, under manager Brian Clough, are now regarded as the biggest rivals to us Mersey Reds.

The two clubs dominate our football, as winners of the Championship and European Cup respectively.

And although each have outstanding individuals in their line-ups, the emphasis is strictly on team play, with everyone working for each other. "Prima donnas" are not tolerated.

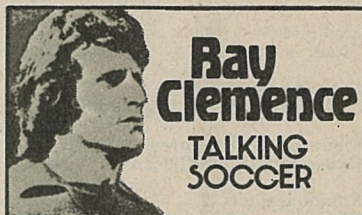
It's at managerial level the contrast exists. Brian Clough is outspoken, a complicated man who says what he thinks and who often sparks off controversy. The only predictable thing about him is that he's unpredictable.

Our boss, Bob Paisley, is almost the complete opposite of his Forest counterpart: soft-spoken, with a preference for keeping in the background and quietly getting on with his job.

What they both have in common is a great love for the game and utter dedication to creating a team which can bring home trophies.

Bob has been part of the Liver-

# MATCH OF THE



pool scene for decades, having started at Anfield as a player, and has played a big part in establishing the club and creating its traditions.

So with him it's very much a question of maintaining continuity, continually improving the team and perfecting our technique.

He and the other members of the "backroom team" behind the team itself work very closely together and are never satisfied with second best.

Our chairman, John Smith, has followed the club ever since he could walk, and has gathered around him men like Bob, secretary Peter Robinson, chief coach Joe Fagan, his assistant Rueben Bennett, youth development officer Tom Saunders and our reserve team manager, and one of my best friends, Roy Evans.

On the other hand, Brian Clough, aided by his partner Peter Taylor,



Forest's successful duo — Brian Clough and Peter Taylor

whom he first met while playing for Hartlepool, has in four remarkable years transformed Nottingham Forest, a Second Division outfit which had rarely hit the high spots, into one that has won the Championship and European Cup in successive seasons.

Unlike Bob, Brian Clough is a man who often thrusts himself into

the public eye with attention-grabbing statements, some of which criticise his own players.

It's a credit to him that these remarks generally result in the players concerned trying even harder for him on the pitch.

They hold him in great respect and obviously do not want to let him down.



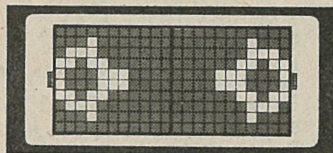
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# DAY

Liverpool manager Bob Paisley (second right) with his very important backroom team.

## 'Brian Clough — so different from Bob Paisley'

Pre-match briefings are an important part of the preparation of teams. At our place, Bob confines himself to outlining the opposition's tactics, such as how they take set pieces, and encouraging us to play our natural game. The philosophy is: "Let them worry about us."

I'd be interested in sitting in at one of Brian Clough's briefings, although I suspect it would be very much on the same lines.

But as I've said, the main difference between Brian and Bob is the way they treat players. The Forest chief spent a million pounds on Trevor Francis, but still refused to pay him and play him because he had returned from a stint in the United States with an injury.

There's a story Brian actually fined Trevor £50 for breaking an order not to speak to the Press by answering a question with the words "No comment!"

At Liverpool there are no restrictions placed on what we say to the media or on TV. The boss relies on us using our common sense not to make a statement that can get us into trouble with the powers-that-be.

However, Phil Thompson copped a fine from the F.A. for bringing the game into disrepute when, in an interview following the League Cup Final replay against Forest in season 1977-78, he heatedly blamed the referee for granting a penalty for his



tackle on their John O'Hare which resulted in the goal that gave them the Cup.

It underlined to us all the importance of undergoing a cooling-off period in the dressing-room after a match before meeting the Press or TV. Bob Paisley always stays there for at least 15 minutes, mentally preparing himself for the interviews.

Another of the similarities between Forest and Liverpool is the reserve strength which is an insurance against injuries and complacency. There's nothing more guaranteed to make you play every game flat out than the threat of someone on the sidelines who can be brought in to replace you.

Their team is one which other managers cast envious eyes at, it's so full of quality.

In goal is Peter Shilton, my rival for the England number one spot, and a great friend of mine. Room-mates when on international duty, we have a very easy going relationship. Our attitude is always: "Let the best man win."

Peter has played some dazzling games for Forest, particularly in the second-leg of the European Cup Semi-Final when an inspired save prevented Cologne from equalising

and perhaps altering the outcome.

At left-back there's new signing Frankie Gray from Leeds, brother of Eddie Gray, a defender with the capacity for scoring goals. He replaces Frank Clark, who did a tremendous job for Forest, a veteran who opted for the assistant-manager's post at Sunderland rather than continue playing.

In the centre of the back-four is Larry Lloyd, a former team-mate of mine at Anfield, who at first glance looks like an old-fashioned centre-half, but is far more constructive, preferring to break up an assault and start an attacking move with a thoughtfully-placed kick rather than a wild punt into the opponents' half.

At right-back stands Viv Anderson, now a fellow SHOOT columnist and England international, a long-legged individual with the ability to tackle-back after being dispossessed or by-passed. I hear his club-mates have christened him "The Extension."

These four are continually challenged for their places by Colin Barrett, scorer of Forest's second goal in our first-leg European Cup match at City Ground last year; and David Needham, who came from Q.P.R.

Forest's midfield operates the same as ours, helping out the defence and the attack, except they play a man wide on the left-wing. Our Ray Kennedy prefers to keep near to the middle of the pitch.

Their king-pin, John McGovern, has followed Brian Clough throughout his career, and is the ideal example for youngsters to follow. He keeps himself fit, never slacks, and is an inspiration to his team.

Ian Bowyer is not a regular, but has given the club stirring service, scoring the goal that won them the place in the European Cup Final in Munich.

John Robertson is a changed man since the Clough/Taylor take-over, has realised his potential as well as shedding surplus pounds and is now an established Scottish international.

Trevor Francis repaid Forest's seven-figure outlay with that winning goal in Munich, and will probably be re-instated in the team for our game. Trevor is a player always

capable of giving defences problems and scoring goals.

Often-undererrated is Tony Woodcock. Particularly in away games, he and his partner up-front Garry Birtles, get through a tremendous amount of work tying up the opposing defence.

Tony's unselfish running has provided his team-mates with the glory and goals, so it's unfair of critics to blame him for not getting on the scoresheet often enough.

Birtles, who only came into the team last season — I believe his goal in the European Cup against us was his first in senior football — is so left-footed I felt sure he would struggle. However, that hasn't been the case, and he must surely join the ranks of other outstanding one-footed wonders, such as Norman Hunter and Paddy Crerand.

Brian Clough has complained that the people of Nottingham have not responded to the team's success by providing increased support.

But it's important they continue to reap success. A poor spell could see them right back where they began as far as local following is concerned.

Luckily there'll be a full house for our visit, with the gates shut before two-o'clock.

It's important we come away with at least a point, as we cannot afford to let Forest open up a large gap even at this stage in the season.

Like Bob Paisley, and everyone else at Anfield, I remain convinced the Championship will come either to Forest or Liverpool.

We're in for an arduous five days, for on the Sunday following we fly off to Russia for our second-leg match against Dinamo Tbilisi, their Champions, in the European Cup First Round.

It's our first visit to Russia and we're fully prepared for anything.

We know from visits to other Eastern Bloc countries that half the battle is having the right mental approach to the game and conditions.

Wish us luck.

*Ray Clemence*

## 'Trevor Francis always gives defences problems'





# Stoke's BRENDAN O'CALLAGHAN

## won't accept he's a First Division player

FOR a man who had to be nagged into becoming a professional footballer, Brendan O'Callaghan has made astonishing strides since his reluctant arrival at Doncaster Rovers' Belle Vue Ground in the summer of 1973.

Because six years on sees the big Bradford-born centre-forward playing in the First Division and establishing himself in John Giles' Republic of Ireland international squad.

Yet O'Callaghan is not the type of person who allows circumstances to sweep his feet off the ground and declares: "I may be playing First Division football, but until I have established myself and proved that I belong at this level, I will not describe myself as a First Division footballer."

When you consider O'Callaghan was Stoke City's leading goalscorer during last season's successful promotion campaign with 16, and that Giles has already capped him three times — twice coming on as substitute — against West Germany on May 22 and Argentina on May 29, and playing against Wales recently his modesty

comes as something of a surprise.

He said: "The First Division is something of a different world. The organisation is far superior to that of the Second Division, the quality of passing and crossing is better, the marking is tighter. You must concentrate for 90 minutes because one blunder can cost you a match."

O'Callaghan was 17 and set for a career as a teacher when his world turned upside down.

"I had long given up hopes of making my living out of football and was well into my A-levels when Malcolm Cook, then junior coach at Doncaster, came into my life."

"I was playing football in the district and Malcolm seemed to turn up wherever I played. He refused to take no for an answer and was determined to get me down to Belle Vue."

"Finally, just to see what he was talking about, I went along to meet the then manager, Maurice Setters. When I became involved I realised what a good club Malcolm represented, despite being in the Fourth Division, and I signed on."



O'Callaghan narrowly misses against West Ham last season.

With that traditional twist of irony football so often makes, O'Callaghan's debut for Rovers was made at Bradford City — his home-town club. In 184 games for Rovers, plus three as substitute, he scored 65 League goals, enough to bring the scouts flocking. Stoke won the day and he signed for them in March, 1978.

And what a Second Division debut he made at the Victoria Ground on March 8! "I sat on the sub's bench watching the lads trying to batter down Hull City's defence. But when I was eventually sent on with 15 minutes to go, it was still 0-0."

"Now I don't believe in fairy-stories, but with my first touch — literally — for Stoke City, I headed what proved to be the only goal of the

game, and went on to score five more goals before the end of that season."

With seven O-levels and three A-levels in the bag, Brendan O'Callaghan knows his future is assured. But not within the game. He is determined to establish himself in the game's toughest level where, as he said: "If you make that grade you know you can step into any other League in the world and hold your own."

And, of course, there is Eire. "My mum is from Bradford but my dad is a Kerry man, and I qualify for Ireland through him. I played for Eire in the game in Wales and although we lost 2-1 I am working hard to become a regular on the international scene."

With his attitude, you simply cannot see O'Callaghan failing.

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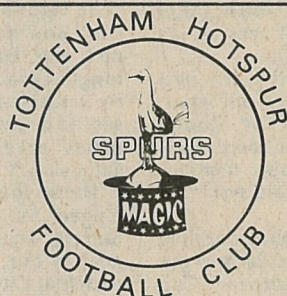
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# No blues for Joe Gallagher

**T**HE start of this season is something I'll remember for a long time, and I reckon that after it, there can only be an improvement."

The speaker was Birmingham City's Joe Gallagher, who played summer football in Finland, then suffered injury and concussion following his return to this country.

"I ricked an ankle in training which kept me out of the opening game, against Fulham," says Joe. "And I had to sit in the stand and watch us give away four goals after leading 3-0 at one stage. As a spectator, it was unbelievable."

"Then I was fit to turn out against Sunderland, but I can remember only the first 20 minutes. I played for most of the time with concussion, and it was when I started to ask questions in the bath about the score that my team-mates realised I was still dazed."

"So if anybody asks me how I rate Sunderland's promotion chances, I have to tell them that most of the 90 minutes against them were a blur to me."

## 'Extra effort'

But although Gallagher didn't have a real chance to assess Sunderland's capabilities in his appearance against them at Roker, the Blues star, feels that the Wear-siders, along with Birmingham and Newcastle United, are names to be reckoned with in the Second Division.

"Most clubs in this Division make an extra effort against us, the same sort of extra effort that teams make against Liverpool in the First Division. Yet in spite of the tough opposition to be faced, I think that Birmingham, Sunderland and Newcastle can all do well this season."

"Here at St. Andrews, none of us are going to relish travelling to places like Oldham, Cambridge or Swansea — without any disrespect to them they will be hard to get used to after we've been to places such as Old Trafford. From my own point of view, there is terrific incentive to get back to playing again at the big stadiums, and I'm sure that the rest of the Birmingham team have thoughts along the same lines."

"And Sunderland, who came so close to promotion last term, have already proved they have the potential to be up among the leaders. With Newcastle, to me, much will depend on how Peter Withe performs during the next few months. I know him well, and rate him highly as a centre-forward — if he receives the right support and is on form, Newcastle will be a winning side."

"Of course, in every Division, there can be a dark horse to consider, and in the Second, Swansea are one of the outsiders who could surprise people."

"With the influence of ex-Liverpool men in their line-up, some of the Anfield magic could crop up at Vetch Field. And Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers, two of the relegated clubs, should not be under-rated."

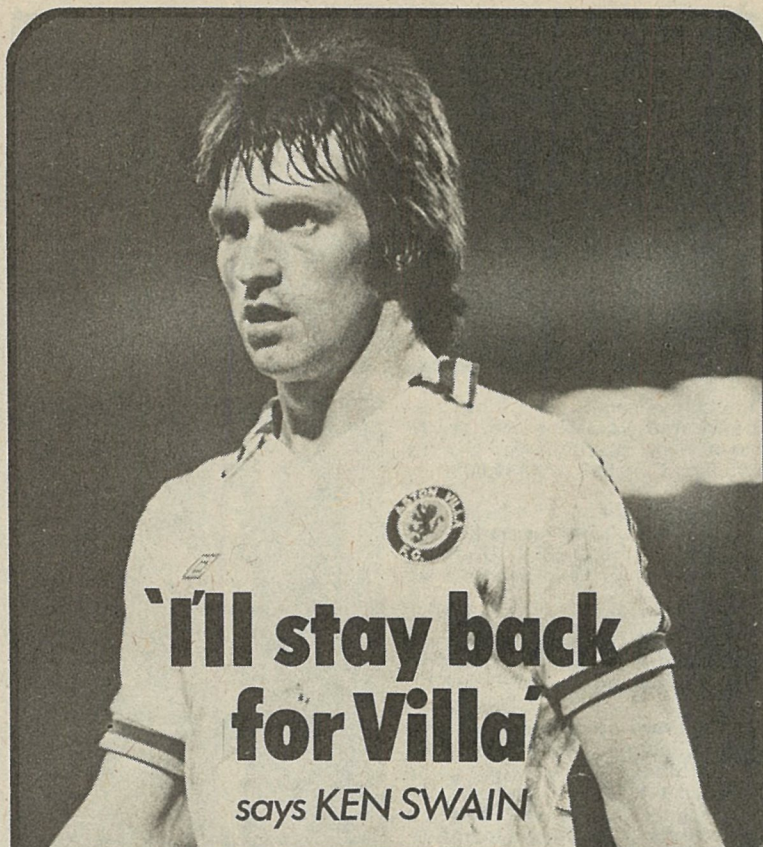
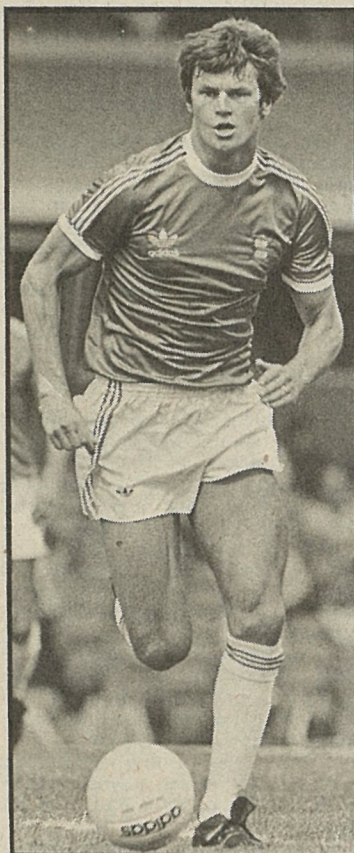
During Gallagher's close-season stint in Finland, he enjoyed the experience of playing in surroundings which were entirely different to those he is accustomed to at home.

## 'Atmosphere'

"I played in Lapland, often in front of crowds of 700 to 1,000, and the atmosphere at grounds over there and the tactics were something new to me."

Now, with his Finnish trip well behind him, Joe's target is reaching Division One with Birmingham, plus the hope that he steers clear of injuries.

He says: "My worst-ever memory of my career with Birmingham goes back to 1977, when I broke a leg in a car-crash and was out of League football for six months. This season I am determined to play right through."



**K**EN Swain, Aston Villa's man of many positional talents, trod new ground when he opened the season in the unfamiliar role of right-back.

"I've played on the wing, up-front, in midfield, but never before in defence," says the 27-year-old former Chelsea player.

Swain, a £100,000 bargain buy from Stamford Bridge last December, adds: "When I first joined Aston Villa I played alongside John Deehan wearing the number eight shirt. Then once Andy Gray was fit I played on the wing, which is where I think the manager, Ron Saunders, bought me to play."

"This season the boss started his preparations with new signing Tony Morley operating down the right flank with me on the left, using Brian Little and John Deehan as the two centre-forwards."

## 'Reaction'

"But when the Gidman-Gray affair blew up Ron Saunders asked me to fill in at right-back. It came as a bit of a surprise, I can tell you. I've always rated John Gidman as one of the best full-backs in England and my first reaction was, 'They're big boots to fill'."

"I didn't relish the prospect one bit, but we were short of full-backs and it was Villa's hour of need."

Swain's first taste of defensive play came against Bolton Wanderers where he faced the menace of Polish international "flyer" Tadeusz Nowak.

"He didn't threaten me at all," says Ken. "In fact, he didn't get past me once and he didn't get a cross in."

Against Brighton the following Wednesday night Swain was up

against Northern Ireland's Gerry Ryan. "Apart from the first ten minutes he posed no real problems," said Ken.

Now the manager has sold Gray and bought defender Mike Pejic from Everton for £250,000.

"Naturally, I prefer to play as a forward, but if Ron Saunders wants me to play at full-back, then that's okay by me."

"As a newcomer to that position, my top priority was to get the defending right. Once I got to grips with my winger, then I tried to get forward as much as possible."

"Against Brighton I was able to attack, but not at Bolton. With it being my first game I was more concerned about defending."

Swain formed a good link up with Tony Morley. "When I call for him to come back, he does. When I tell him to go wide or forward, then he does so. In that respect he's a very willing player and obviously very talented."

"There's certainly a more professional attitude in the side this term. We're more disciplined and there's a greater emphasis on winning. Winning has become more important than playing good football and we're beginning to get the message."

"There's a surge at times. It's coming in fits and starts at the moment, but when it does come, then it looks pretty impressive."

"I think there's enough talent in the side to show that Villa are going to do quite well this season — despite our defeats at home to Bristol City and Manchester United."

The staff at Villa Park seem reasonably pleased with the way things are going. It's early days and let's not forget that we've already had four players injured in our first three matches."



## TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

# Quiz Time

1. Jimmy Neighbour (right) was transferred from Norwich City to West Ham recently. Was the fee £90,000, £140,000 or £190,000?

2. England Under-21's beat their counterparts from Denmark 1-0 at Watford in the U.E.F.A. Under-21 Championship. Who scored their winner?

3. Wales entertained the Republic of Ireland in a friendly. Did Mike Smith's men win 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2?

4. Another international was played between Scotland and Peru at Hampden Park. The game finished 1-1. (a) Who scored Scotland's goal and (b) who missed a penalty for Jock Stein's team?

5. Aston Villa splashed-out around £300,000 for which First Division striker?

6. David Kemp, a £75,000 buy from Carlisle, scored two goals on his debut for which Third Division club against Wimbledon?

7. After the games played on Saturday, September 15th which clubs headed the (a) First, (b) Second, (c) Third, (d) Fourth and (e) Scottish Premier Divisions respectively?

8. On the same day, only one player scored a hat-trick in the Football League. Can you name him and his club?

9. Stuart Pearson scored his first League goal for West Ham against which club?

10. Tommy Williams was sent-off for Luton, Leicester or Orient in a Second Division game at Newcastle United?



### EURO CHAMPIONSHIP

The European Championship game between England and Denmark was played at Wembley recently. Answer the following questions about the clash.

11. Did Kevin Keegan score the only goal of the game in the first or second-half?

12. Who kept goal for England?

13. Was the attendance 75,000, 85,000 or 95,000?

14. How many substitutions did manager Ron Greenwood make?

15. Following their 1-0 win against Denmark, England head Group One with seven, eight, or nine points?

### ANSWERS:

1. £140,000. 2. John Deehan. 3. 2-1. 4. (a) Asa Hartford, (b) John Wark. 5. Ipswich's David Geddis. 6. Plymouth Argyle. 7. (a) Manchester United, (b) Newcastle United, (c) Millwall, (d) Bradford City, (e) Celtic. 8. Gordon Stanforth of York. 9. Sunderland. 10. Leicester City. 11. First-half. 12. Ray Clemence. 13. 85,000. 14. None. 15. Nine.

### GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS:—

ACROSS:— (1) Robertson. (8) Oath. (9) Go. (10) Verges. (11) Pa. (12) Skewers. (15) Rush. (17) Rye. (18) Sealed. (21) Bird. (22) Raith. (23) Leased. (25) Or. (26) Posh. (28) Or. (29) Pratt. (31) He. (32) Is. (33) Result.

DOWN:— (1) Rovers. (2) Borussia. (3) Roes. (4) Task. (5) St. (6) Oh! (7) No. (9) Gary. (11) Per. (13) Ever. (14) Selhurst. (16) Hers. (19) Adept. (20) Dashes. (21) Berry. (23) Lop. (24) Do. (27) She. (28) Oil. (30) To.

Jumbled Name: RAY WILKINS.

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

# — FOURTH TIME LUCKY FOR NOTTS COUNTY?

**N**OTTS County, hardly the most glamorous of clubs, must have looked out of place when they suddenly appeared at the top of the Second Division after a handful of matches this season.

But for followers of the League's oldest club, it came as no surprise — and manager Jimmy Sirrel (right) reacted with knowing satisfaction.

In three of the past four seasons, County have been poised for a promotion push as they approached the crucial Easter programme and then have disappointingly fallen away.

They were busy fighting a relegation battle during the odd year out, but as Sirrel, the wily Scot who is in his second spell at Meadow Lane, explained:

"If you take a deep look at the situation, we have made considerable progress since fighting for Second Division survival two seasons ago.

"We finished sixth last season and the nucleus of that team is still available to us — with a year's extra experience behind them."

In fact, County's third "failure" in quick succession called for action at the end of last season and Sirrel decided that changes were necessary if he was to create a team capable of completing a promotion-winning job.

### Important

He transfer-listed seven players and with Mick Vinter (Wrexham) and Arthur Mann (Shrewsbury) moving on, and goalkeeper Eric McManus refusing the offer of a new contract, three important positions had to be filled.

On the same day as Vinter moved out, Sirrel paid £80,000 for Trevor Christie, equalling the club record for the man who topped Leicester City's goalscoring chart last season.

The 20-year-old striker would bring much-needed height to the Notts attack — and help bring the best out of the highly promising Paul Hooks — but Sirrel's priority was to find a new goalkeeper.

Added the manager: "When Eric McManus refused a new contract I had to get myself a new goalkeeper and he needed to be a top-class one.

"I inquired about one or two in this country who would have been right for us but they were not available. The only ones who were, I was not convinced about.

"There was nothing in Scotland or at the lower levels which interested me, so I had to start looking further afield."

Sirrel drew up a short list of Continental 'keepers, made a couple of scouting trips to Yugoslavia and eventually came back with 29-year-old international



Raddy Avramovic.

He cost £200,000, an astonishing fee by County's standards, and although he had to make himself understood by gesticulations, his actions have been quickly appreciated by colleagues and supporters alike.

Four consecutive clean-sheets in the early-season matches had much to do with Notts' sudden rise to prominence and as the manager added:

"In my opinion we have strengthened our squad considerably with the signing of Avramovic and Christie and we still haven't seen the best of them yet.

"There is no doubt in my mind that we can produce the calibre of football needed to be successful and if we continue to blend this with determination, we can beat any team in the Second Division."

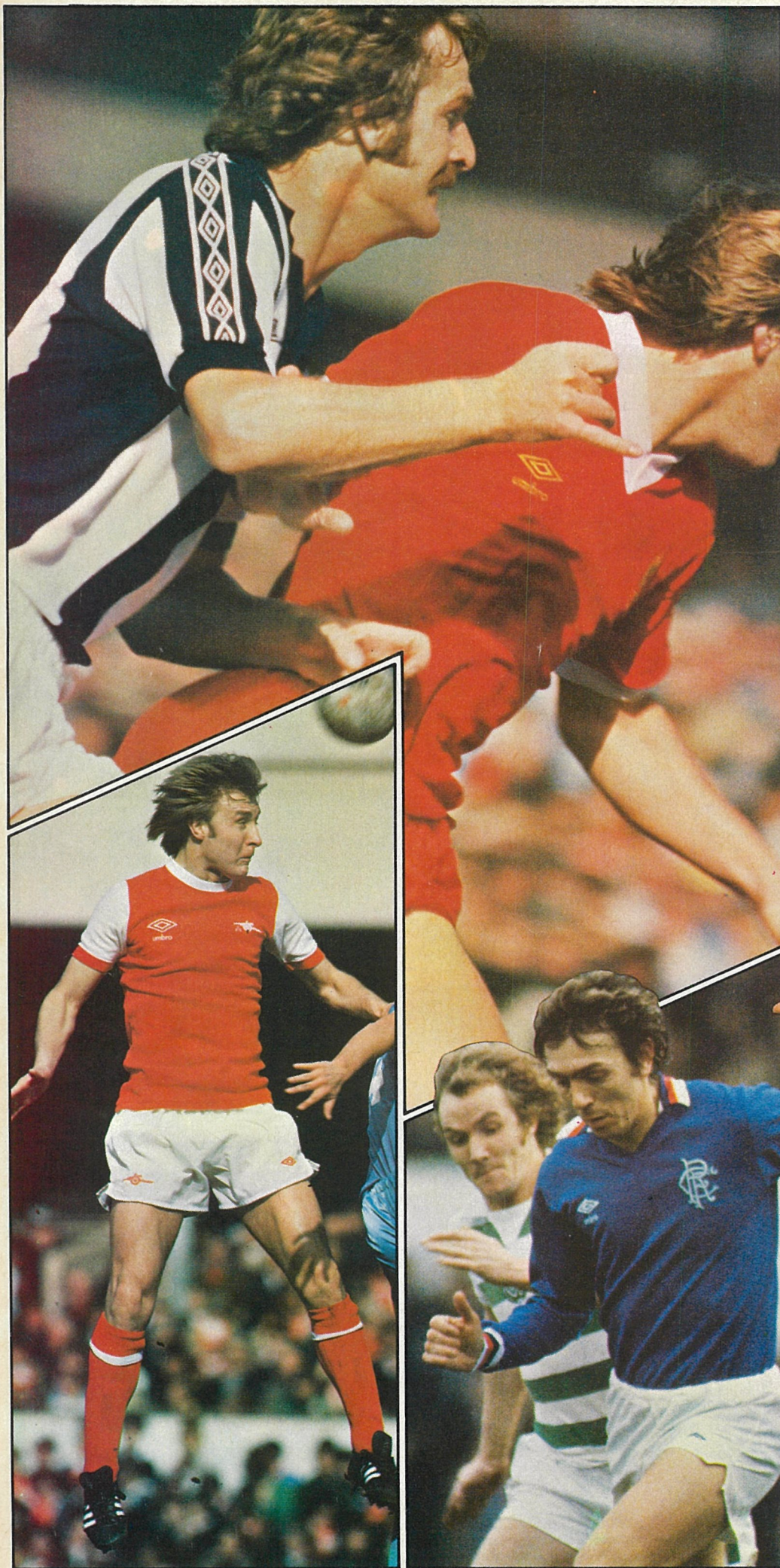
Unfortunately, County suffered a set-back when 'keeper Avramovic tore ankle ligaments during their first defeat of the season at Leicester. He had his ankle put in plaster for a month and it will be a blow to their hopes.

Those three near-misses in quick succession in the promotion stakes caused a certain amount of disillusionment at Meadow Lane but the events of this season confirm that they are reaching for the top.

Manager Sirrel revealed recently that he was at the front of the queue for Ian Bowyer — a six-figure offer was on ice — at the time when the Forest utility player was considering his future.

And that's the calibre of player The Magpies are now seeking in an effort to complete the climb from Fourth to First Division in the space of ten years.





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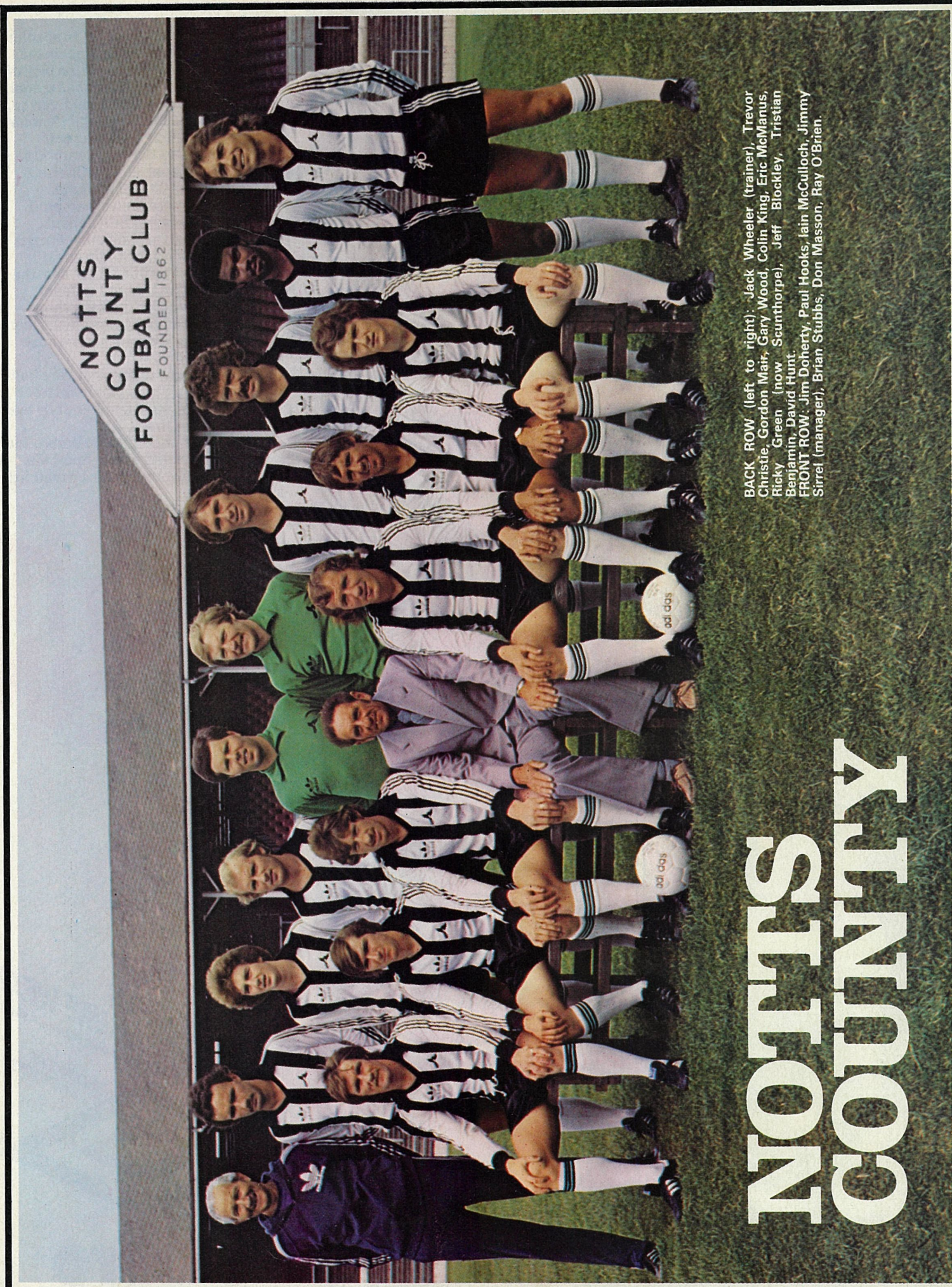
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BACK ROW (left to right): Jack Wheeler (trainer), Trevor Christie, Gordon Marr, Gary Wood, Colin King, Eric McManus, Ricky Green (now Scunthorpe), Jeff Blockley, Tristian Benjamin, David Hunt.  
FRONT ROW: Jim Doherty, Paul Hooks, Iain McCulloch, Jimmy Sirrel (manager), Brian Stubbs, Don Masson, Ray O'Brien.

# NOTTS COUNTY